Capital Area School of Practical Nursing Head to Toe Physical Assessment of Adult

Student Name:	Date:
Resident/Patient Initials:	
Diagnosis:	
Vital Signs-T, P, R, BP, SpO2	
Pain	
	
General:	
Height/Weight	
Body Build	
Press, Hygiene and Posture	
Mood and Response to Caregiver	
Characteristics of Speech	
Level of Consciousness	
Orientation (person, place and time-month and	
year	
Head	
Description of head (size/shape)	
Palpate skull	
Scalp/Hair description	
Eyes	
Symmetry/Drooping or sagging of eyelids	
Size and Response to light of pupils, PERRL	
Color/condition sclera and conjunctiva	
Extraocular movements (6 cardinal fields of gaze)	
Vision	
Ears	
Symmetry	
Drainage/Cerumen	
Hearing	
0	
Nose	
Symmetry	
Septum midline/deviated	
Drainage	
Nasal mucosa	
Patency of nares	
Mouth	
Symmetry mouth (smile) and tongue (midline	
protrusion)	
Oral cavity, mouth, lips, oral mucosa, teeth and	
gums	
Uvula say "ah"	
Neck	
ROM	
Palpate trachea (symmetry/tenderness)	
Carotid Pulses (one at a time)	

Anterior/Posterior Chest	
Inspect anterior/posterior chest (skin	
assessment)	
Assess skin turgor over clavicle	
Inspect respiration	
Auscultate Heart (apex, one minute, regular or	
irregular)	
Auscultate lungs (posterior (6 sites), anterior (2	
sites) and axilla (2 sites)	
Palpate anterior and posterior chest	
Assess spine	
Abdomen	
Inspect abdomen	
Auscultate in 4 quadrants	
Palpate abdomen in 4 quadrants	
Diet	
Type of diet	
Swallowing difficulty	
Appetite	
Bowel and Bladder	
Assess genitourinary (color, odor, frequency,	
urgency, pain)	
Last BM	
Nausea/Vomiting/Diarrhea/Constipation	
Incontinence bowel and bladder	
Upper Extremities	
Skin Assessment	
Sensation, Capillary refill, clubbing	
Strength	
ROM	
Radial pulses	
Lower Extremities	
Skin assessment	
Sensation, capillary refill	
Strength	
ROM	
Edema	
Pedal pulses	
Motor function and balance	
Miscellaneous	
Drains/casts/IVs/dressings	