

Nursing Process/Clinical Judgment Model

Recognize & Analyze Cues

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Prioritize Hypotheses (Circle the most critical one)

Generate Solutions/Identify Outcomes

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Take Action/Interventions

Evaluate Outcomes

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The Layers of Clinical Judgment Model

1. Recognize Cues: Identify relevant information from objective and subjective data, medical history, etc.

What info is relevant/irrelevant? What info is most important What is of immediate concern?	
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2. Analyze Cues: Organizing and linking recognized cues to client's clinical presentation

What client conditions are consistent with the cues? Are there cues that support or contraindicate a particular condition Why is particular cue of concern? What other info would help establish the significance of a cue or set of cues?	
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3. Prioritize Hypotheses: Evaluating and ranking hypotheses according to priority (urgency, likelihood, risk, difficulty, time)

Which explanations are most/least likely? Which possible explanations are the most serious?	
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4. Generate Solutions: Identifying expected outcomes to define a set of interventions

What are the desirable outcomes What interventions can achieve those outcomes? What should be avoided?	
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5. Take Action: Implementing the solution(s) that addresses the highest priorities

Which intervention or combination of interventions is most appropriate: How should the intervention(s) be accomplished	
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6. Evaluate Outcomes: Comparing observed outcomes against expected outcomes

What signs point to improving/declining/unchanged status? Were the interventions effective? Would other interventions have been more effective?	
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