



ED Patient Presentation Guidelines (ED)

Your presentation can be focused on any patient for whom you have cared. Use the guidelines below to outline your presentation.

I. Demographics and Chief Complaint

- A. Age -
- B. Sex -
- C. Current Occupation/Employment Status -
- D. Support system, living situation -
- E. Chief Complaint –
- F. Is this complaint one that will give your patient *priority* through the triage process?

II. Formulating a Diagnosis

- A. Relevant signs and symptoms-
- B. Standing orders employed-
- C. Diagnostic testing or lab work used to determine diagnosis-
- D. Primary Diagnosis-
- E. Relevant Secondary Diagnosis(es)-

III. Medical Plan of Care

- A. *What is the definitive plan of care for your patient?*
 - *Admission: Curative, Palliative, Educational, diagnostic*
 - *Stabilize and Transfer*
 - *Treat and refer*
- B. Briefly summarize the overall goal of the medical plan of care-
- C. What care outcomes must be met before patient is transferred/discharged? Where will your patient be sent after discharge?

IV. Nursing Plan of Care

Focus: Safety, Education, Advocacy, Coping

- A. Briefly summarize the nursing priorities in order of importance-

V. Complications

- A. What is the worst (and most likely) complication to anticipate for your patient?
- B. What nursing assessments/interventions will you need to make to identify and prevent it?
- C. What is/are the priority concern(s) or risk factors that patients on your unit face?