

State-approved Curriculum NURSE AIDE I TRAINING PROGRAM July 2019 Module AA



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Module AA – Measurement Teaching Guide

Objectives

- Identify the structure and function of the cardiovascular and respiratory systems
- Define body temperature and associated terminology
- List equipment needed to measure pulse, respirations, blood pressure, temperature, intake of fluids, output, height, and weight
- Compare and contrast the various thermometers used to measure temperature
- Label components of select equipment used to measure blood pressure, height, and weight
- Compare and contrast normal and abnormal findings of the following measurements: pulse, respirations, blood pressure, and temperature
- Locate sites used to measure pulse, respirations, blood pressure and temperature
- Describe the nurse aide's role in the care of residents who have not achieved fluid balance – edema and dehydration
- Explain how to use equipment that measures blood pressure, temperature, intake of fluids, output, height, and weight
- Differentiate units of measurement nurse aides use during the care of residents – millimeters of mercury (mm Hg), degrees Fahrenheit, ounces, milliliters (mL), cubic centimeters (cc), inches, and feet
- Convert ounces to milliliters and inches to feet/inches

Supplies

- Laminated computer paper, dry erase pens, paper towels (Teaching Tip #13)
- Laminated poster paper, brad, homemade needle (Teaching Tip #14)
- Graduate display multiple graduates, fake urine, index cards (Teaching Tip #20)
- Thickening agent (Teaching Tip #21)
- Plastic medication cups, 1 per student (Teaching Tip #22)
- Output display catheter bag, emesis basin, urinal, graduate (Teaching Tip #23)
- Corrugated poster board, scissors, laminated pictures from magazines, paper plates (Teaching Tip #25)
- 1½-foot sections of the 3" diameter and 9½" circumference-sized swim noodles (the larger of the two sizes work better); 1 section per 2 students

Advance Preparation – In General

- Review curriculum and presentation materials
- Add examples or comments in Notes Section
- Set up computer/projector
- Establish Internet connection

Advance Preparation – Teaching Tips

- #5AA: Videos Playing a Variety of Heartbeat Rates and Rhythms: Familiarize self with the following videos playing a variety of heartbeat rates and rhythms and determine which you would like to play: HEARTBEAT Sound Effect [High Quality] indicate what is being heard will be felt when checking a regular pulse https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTna f379ug Heartbeat Sound indicate what is being heard will be felt when checking a regular pulse https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJpT_wHZeF8 Heart Beat Speeding Up indicate what is being heard will be felt when checking a pulse that is speeding up: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aiuio8IAOIg Irregular Heart Beat Sound Effect indicate what is being heard will be felt when checking an irregular pulse https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZigEgnpsY9U Irregular Heartbeat indicate what is being heard will be felt when checking an irregular pulse https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFKjM32MHG0
- #11AA: Website: Familiarize self with the following web site: Anatomy of a Clinician Stethoscope: https://www.adctoday.com/node/7886
- #13AA Aneroid Blood Pressure Manometer Interactive Strategy: In
 addition to using the handout as a teaching strategy, duplicate copies of the
 aneroid blood pressure manometer, laminate them, and use during class.
 Distribute dry erase pens and napkins for use by the students. Call out blood
 pressures and require students to mark both the systolic and diastolic
 pressures. Walk around the room and determine how students did. Repeat
 several times with different values. Collect the laminated dials and dry erase
 pens for use in subsequent classes.
- #14AA: Aneroid Blood Pressure Manometer Interactive Strategy: Enlarge
 a copy of the aneroid blood pressure manometer, create a needle that
 attaches with a brad, affix to corrugated poster board, and use for
 demonstration in class.
- **#16AA Thermometer Display:** Create a display of a variety of thermometers and include equipment required for each.

- #18AA Pass Around the Milliliter: Either pass around a 30 mL medicine cup or a small syringe with 1 mL of colored water for students to view.
- #19AA: Video About the Milliliter and Cubic Centimeter: Familiarize self with the following video: Understanding mL (milliliter), Liter, & Cubic Centimeter to explain the milliliter and cubic centimeter:
 https://www.voutube.com/watch?v=luDovp2G-YM
- #20AA Pass Around the Graduate: Pass around an empty, clean graduate for students to view.
- #21AA Thickening Agent: Create thickened fluids using a thickening agent.
- #22AA Pass Around the Little Plastic Medicine Cup: Pass around a 30 mL medicine cup with both a 1 ounce and a 30 mL marking for students to view OR provide each student with his/her own 30 mL medicine cup to keep.
- #23AA Devices That Collect Output Display: Create a display of a variety of devices that collect urine output either with or without fake body fluids.
- #24AA Fake Urine in Graduates Display: Create an output display of graduates with varying amounts of fake urine; either include the amounts for each on index cards in front of each graduate OR require students to measure the fake urine individually or in pairs.
- #25AA: Creating Food Intake Trays: Use corrugated poster board and cut
 out several pieces the size of trays. Cut out and laminate pictures of foods
 from magazines or product boxes to create simulated foods reflecting various
 states of consumption. Using paper plates, place meals with laminated foods
 reflecting percentages of food intake on them. Create meal trays with the
 corrugated poster board and plates of food for students to evaluate and
 assign percentages of intake for each.
- #27AA: Video About the Physician Mechanical Beam Scale, Weight Portion: Familiarize self with the following video: LearningTools: Reading Weight Measurements on a Physician Mechanical Beam Scale to reinforce components of and determining weight: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6G88qVI3m8
- #28AA: Video About the Physician Mechanical Beam Scale, Height Portion: Familiarize self with the following video: LearningTools: Reading Height Measurements on a Physician Mechanical Beam Scale to reinforce components of and determining height: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeBhvbm5yrl

Advance Preparation – Activities

- #2AA Blood Pressure and Factors of Select People Duplicate activity for each student. Distribute to students and instruct to use per verbal instructions.
- #3AA: Meet the Stethoscope Distribute stethoscopes/alcohol wipes. You may want to jot down the tasks on the dry-erase board.
- #4AA: Hearing and Seeing Blood Pressure Readings Familiarize self with two required videos, Reading Blood Pressure and LearningTools: Blood Pressure Basics Audio-Visual Coordination Skills:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oioFVbsiwEk and https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHXvhOQ0hYc,
- **#5AA:** Aneroid Blood Pressure Duplicate activity for each student. Determine whether this activity will be used as an in-class assignment, homework assignment, or as a quiz grade. Distribute to students and instruct to use accordingly.
- #6AA Working with the Inflation Bulb and the Air-release Valve Beforehand, cut swim noodles in 1½-foot sections. Pair students and distribute a swim noodle and a BP cuff to each pair.
- #7AA: Fahrenheit Temperature Duplicate activity for each student.

 Determine whether this activity will be used as an in-class assignment, homework assignment, or as a quiz grade. Distribute to students and instruct to use accordingly.
- #8AA: Explaining Fractions of a Whole Familiarize self with one required video, Finding a Fraction of a Number.
 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUVC3IIPw_w
 and one required web site, Unit 10, Section 3: Fractions of Quantities: https://www.cimt.org.uk/projects/mepres/book7/bk7i10/bk7_10i3.htm
- **#9AA: Intake Calculation** Duplicate activity for each student. Determine whether this activity will be used as an in-class assignment, homework assignment, or as a quiz grade. Distribute to students and instruct to use accordingly.
- #10AA: Let's Make a Chart Duplicate activity for each student. Determine
 whether this activity will be used as an in-class assignment, homework
 assignment, or as a quiz grade. Distribute to students and instruct to use
 accordingly.
- #11AA: Urine Duplicate activity for each student. Determine whether this
 activity will be used as an in-class assignment, homework assignment, or as
 a quiz grade. Distribute to students and instruct to use accordingly.
- #12AA: Weight and Height Duplicate activity for each student. Determine
 whether this activity will be used as an in-class assignment, homework
 assignment, or as a quiz grade. Distribute to students and instruct to use
 accordingly.

Module AA – Measurement Definition List

Vital Signs:

Afebrile - without a fever

Analog Watch – a watch that has moving hands and typically marked from numbers 1 through 12

Aneroid Manometer – that part of the sphygmomanometer (BP cuff) that includes the dial that indicates the systolic and diastolic pressures during blood pressure checks

Apical Pulse – a pulse point located over the heart

Apnea – no breathing

Arteries – blood vessels that carry blood with oxygen and nutrients away from the heart and to the cells

Atria (right and left) – two upper chambers of the heart

Blood pressure – the amount of force exerted by the blood against the walls of the artery

Body temperature – how much heat is in the body and balances the heat created by the body and heat lost to the environment

Brachial Pulse – pulse points located in the crooks of the elbows typically used during blood pressure checks

Bradycardia – a pulse rate less than 60 beats per minute

Bradypnea – a respiratory rate less than 12 breaths per minute

Cardiovascular System – also called the circulatory system and is the continuous movement of blood though the body

Carotid Pulse – pulse points located in both sides of the neck

Centigrade – metric scale used to measure temperature, expressed in degrees

Cheyne-Stokes – alternating periods of slow, irregular breathing and rapid, shallow breathing, plus short periods of absent breathing

Diaphragm – that part of the stethoscope located on the chest-piece used to listen to the presence or absence of brachial artery blood flow during blood pressure check

Diarrhea – frequent passage of loose, watery stools (bowel movements)

Diastole – the resting phase of the heart when the heart fills with blood; the bottom number of a blood pressure reading (diastolic)

Dyspnea – painful or difficult breathing

Eupnea – normal breathing

Exhale – when carbon dioxide is expelled out of the nose and the mouth from the lungs

Expiration – also called exhalation and involves the breathing out of carbon dioxide through the nose and mouth; the chest falls

Fahrenheit – scale used to measure temperature, expressed in degrees

Febrile – with a fever

Fever – an elevated temperature

Heart – the pump of the cardiovascular (circulatory) system consisting of four chambers

Hypertension – high blood pressure

Hyperventilation – rapid and deep breathing

Hypotension – low blood pressure

Hypoventilation – slow, shallow breathing that may be irregular

Inhale – when air (or oxygen) is pulled in through the nose and down into the lungs

Inspiration – also called inhalation and involves the breathing in of oxygen through the nose; chest rises

Lungs – elastic, spongy, cone-shaped air-filled structures involved and the location where the exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide occur

Millimeters of Mercury – (mm Hg) the unit of measure for blood pressure

Objective – information collected by the nurse aide's senses

Orthostatic Hypotension – abnormal low blood pressure occurring when the resident suddenly stands up; resident complains of weakness, faintness, dizziness, and seeing spots

Pain – whatever the resident says that it is

Pedal Pulse – pulse points located in the top of the feet and used to check circulation of the leg

Pulse – is the beat of the heart felt at an artery, as a wave of blood passes through the artery; is the numbers of heart beats per minute

Pulse Force – the strength of the pulse and should be easy to feel

Pulse Rate – the number of heart beats (or pulses) per minute

Pulse Rhythm – the regularity of the heart beats (pulses) and should be the same interval between beats

Radial Pulse – pulse points located in the wrists, which is used most often, easy to reach, easy to find, and used for routine vital signs

Respiration – the process that supplies oxygen to the cells and removes carbon dioxide from cells

Respiratory rate (or respirations) – the number of inspirations (inhalations) the person takes in a minute

Respiratory System – involves the breathing in of oxygen (inspiration) and the breathing out of carbon dioxide (expiration)

Sphygmomanometer – also known as the BP cuff; is the equipment used to check a person's blood pressure

Stethoscope – instrument used to listen to heart sounds, lung sounds, and the brachial pulse during blood pressure checks

Subjective – information provided by the resident

Systole – the working phase of the heart when the heart is pumping blood to the body; the top number of a blood pressure reading (diastolic)

Tachycardia – a pulse rate more than 100 beats per minute

Tachypnea – a respiratory rate more than 20 breaths per minute

Temporal Pulse – a pulse point located in the temples of the head

Temporal Thermometer – a thermometer that measures heat from skin over the forehead, specifically over temporal artery

Thermometer – a device used to check a resident's temperature

Tympanic Thermometer – a thermometer that uses the ear as the site to check a resident's temperature

Veins – blood vessels that carry blood with waste products away from the cells and to the heart

Ventricles (Right and Left) – two lower chambers of the heart

Vital Signs – (also called TPR & BP) include the measurement of temperature, pulse, respiration, and blood pressure that show how well vital organs are functioning

Intake and Output (I&O):

Catheter Bag – collection device for urine that is connected to an indwelling (Foley) catheter which drains the bladder

Commode Hat (or specimen pan) – a plastic collection container placed under a commode lid, used when resident has bathroom privileges and Is on output and/or has a urine or stool specimen ordered

Cubic Centimeter (or cc) – a unit of measure in the metric system used to count the volume of anything (including fluids); is equal to 1 milliliter

Dehydration – when fluid output is more than fluid intake

Diarrhea – frequent passage of loose, watery stools (bowel movements)

Edema – when fluid intake is more that fluid output and body tissues swell with water

Emesis Basin – a plastic, shallow basin shaped like a kidney that fits against the resident's neck and collects body fluids when a resident is nauseated and during mouthcare

Encourage Fluids – a doctor's order that increases the resident's fluid intake

Fluid Balance – fluid intake roughly equals fluid output

Food Intake – comparison of the amount of food eaten by a resident at mealtime with the amount of food provided

Gastric Suction Material – stomach contents that are suctioned out using a nasogastric tube

Graduate – an accurate measuring device for fluids used in a health care setting

Hydration – having the right amount of fluid in the body

Intake (input) – the amount of fluid taken in by the body

Intake and Output (I&O) – used to evaluate fluid balance whereby intake and output are measured and documented

Milliliter (mL) – a unit of measure in the metric system used to count fluids; is equal to 1 cubic centimeter

Nothing by Mouth (NPO) – a doctor's order that states that a resident is not to eat or drink anything

Output – the amount of fluid lost from the body

Restrict Fluids – a doctor's order that limits the resident's fluid intake

Special Fluid Orders – orders a doctor writes that state how much fluid a resident must drink per day in order to maintain fluid balance

Thickened Liquids – a doctor's order that states that all fluids taken in by resident are thickened

Urinal – a plastic, elongated device used by men to urinate into, particularly when confined to bed or on output

Vomiting – the ejection of food and fluids from the stomach via the esophagus and mouth

Vomitus – food and fluids ejected from the stomach via the esophagus and mouth

Height and Weight:

Height Rod – the device used on a standing scale that measures a resident's height (or tallness)

Kilogram – a unit of measure in the metric system used to determine weight

Module AA - Measurement (Vital Signs)

(S-1) Title Slide

(S-2, 3, 4, 5 & 6) Objectives

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11. Convert ounces to milliliters and inches to feet/inches.

Content Notes		
(S-7) Title Slide		
(S-8) Vital Signs		
Show how well vital organs are functioning – heart and		
lungs, plus the regulation of temperature		
 Include temperature, pulse, respiration, and blood 		
pressure		
May also be called TPR & BP		
(S-9) Vital Signs – Importance		
Changes in vital sign measurements can indicate that		
resident's condition is worsening		
Can reflect how body is responding to medication and/or		
treatment		
The value of a vital sign may be the basis for a		
medication that the nurse gives to the resident		
 Accuracy when taking vital signs is crucial; never guess; 		
if unsure ask for help		
Report abnormal vital signs immediately to the nurse and		
per facility policy		
(S-10) The 5 th Vital Sign – Pain		
• Facilities may consider pain the 5 th vital sign because it is		
considered as important as the other vital signs		
 Whereas other vital signs are objective (collected by the 		

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	nurse aide's senses), pain is different because it is		
	subjective and reported to health care provider by the		
	resident		
	Pain is whatever the resident says it is and response to		
	pain varies from resident to resident		
	Will learn more about pain later in the course		
(S	-11) Respiratory System		
•	Respiratory system – the breathing in of oxygen into the		
	lungs and the breathing out of carbon dioxide from the		
	body		
(S	-12) Structure and Function of the Lungs		
•	The location in the respiratory system where the		
	exchange of oxygen and carbon dioxide occur		
•	Left lung has two lobes and right lung has three lobes		
(S	-13) Respiration		
•	Is the process that supplies oxygen to the cells and		
	removes carbon dioxide from cells		
•	Involves		
	 Inspiration (inhalation) – breathing in of oxygen 		
	through nose; chest rises		
	 Expiration (exhalation) – breathing out of carbon 		
	dioxide through nose and mouth; chest falls		
•	Each respiration involves one inspiration and one		
	expiration		
•	Respiratory rate (or respirations) – is the number of		
	inspirations (inhalations) the person takes in a minute		
(S	-14) Respiratory Site		
•	Watch the chest rise and fall		
•	Count the chest rises (inspirations) only		
(5	-15) Respiratory Values – Normal		
•	Called eupnea		
•	Rate = between 12 and 20 breaths per minute,		
•	Regular, quiet, with both sides of chest rising and falling		
	equally		
10	Document 16) Respiratory Volume Abnormal		
(5	-16) Respiratory Values – Abnormal		
•	Bradypnea – less than 12 breaths per minute		
•	Tachypnea – more than 20 breaths per minute		
•	Apnea – none (apnea)		
•	Hypoventilation – slow, shallow breathing that may be		
	irregular		
•	Hyperventilation – rapid, deep breathing		
•	Dyspnea – painful or difficult breathing		
•	Cheyne-Stokes – alternating periods of slow, irregular		

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breathing and rapid, shallow breathing, plus short periods	110)
of apnea	
Document and notify nurse	
(S-17) Checking Respirations – Equipment	
Analog watch with a second hand	
Note pad/assignment sheet and pen	
TEACHING TIP #1AA Class Assessment Analog Watch	
Use	
Every class is different and brings different educational needs regarding use of the analog watch. Younger students may have only used digital watches or cellular phones to tell time. These students will not be able to use these devices while in lab, clinical, or during the NNAAP skills component.	
Determine whether students in each class need basic instruction or review of content related to the analog watch. The next 3 slides may be reviewed quickly or slowly depending on the class.	
HANDOUT #1AA: Analog Watch (Optional)	
This handout may be used as a complement to teaching the counting of respirations and counting pulse using an analog watch.	
Distribute handout to the students.	
TEACHING TIP #2AA: Analog Watch Handout (Optional)	
Refer to handout and for the next 3 slides point out each particular part in the handout depicted on each slide.	
 (S-18) Analog Watch Definition – a watch that has moving hands and typically marked with from numbers 1 through 12 Has an hour hand, minute hand, and second hand The nurse aide uses the second hand to count 	
respirations and pulse rate	
(S-19) Analog Watch – 60 Seconds	
 When counting respirations for 60 seconds, while watching the second hand, start counting and stop 	
counting on the same number	
TEACHING TIP #3AA: Analog Watch – Practice	
Allow students to call out answers for slide #20.	
(S-20) Using an Analog Watch – Practice	

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	0	Start with second hand on 3, stop with second hand	
		on 3	
	0	Start with second hand on 6, stop with second hand	
		on <u>6</u>	
	0	Start with second hand on 10, stop with second hand	
		on <u>10</u>	
	0	Start with second hand on 12, stop with second hand	
		on <u>12</u>	
	0	Start with second hand on 8, stop with second hand	
		on <u>8</u>	
	0	Start with second hand on 1, stop with second hand	
		on <u>1</u>	
(S-	21)	Respirations – Observation and Documentation	
•	Th	e nurse aide counts respiratory rate (respirations) for	
		seconds (1 minute)	
•		r respiratory rate, recall that 1 respiration equals 1	
		spiration (chest rising)	
•		hile watching the second hand of an analog watch, the	
		rse aide starts counting and stops counting on the	
		me number; do not wait until 12	
		ocument on the resident's record if the respirations	
•		•	
		Fall within the range of 12 and 20 and are	
	0	Regular, quiet, with both sides of chest rising and	
	_	falling equally	
•		ocument on the resident's record and notify the nurse, if	
		spirations are abnormal	
(S		Stealth Respirations	
•		neck respirations right after checking pulse (without	
	mo	oving hand from wrist) so resident does not realize	
	res	spirations are being counted; tend to change pattern if	
	res	sident is aware it is being checked	
TE	AC	HING TIP #4AA: Counting Respirations 30	
Se	COI	nds Times 2	
Yo	u n	nay want to:	
•	De	escribe the process of counting respirations for 30	
		conds and multiplying by 2, if respirations are regular;	
		d to count respirations for a full minute if respirations	
		e irregular.	
•		ress importance of following facility policy and	
		ocedure for counting respirations.	
10	_	Checking Respirations – Example #1	
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•		urse aide begins counting respirations when the second	
	na	nd is on 4 and stops counting respirations when the	

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second hand lands on 4
 Nurse aide counts 16 chest rises in 60 seconds
16 is the number the nurse aide would document
(S-24) Checking Respirations – Example #2
Nurse aide begins counting respirations when the second band is an 10 and stone counting respirations when the
hand is on 10 and stops counting respirations when the
second-hand lands on <u>10</u>
Nurse aide counts 24 chest rises in 60 seconds
24 is the number the nurse aide would document
Nurse aide would notify the nurse. Why?
(S-25) Cardiovascular System
Cardiovascular (circulatory) system – continuous
movement of blood through the body
(S-26) Structure and Function of the Blood Vessels
The transportation system of the cardiovascular
(circulatory) system
Veins – carry blood with waste products away from
the cells and to the heart
Arteries – carry blood with oxygen and nutrients away
from the heart and to the cells
(S-27) Structure and Function of the Blood Vessels
Pulse – the beat of the heart felt at an artery, as a wave
of blood passes through the artery
 Pulse rate – is the number of heart beats (or pulses)
per minute
 Pulse rhythm – is the regularity of the heart beats
(pulses) and should be the same interval between
beats
 Pulse force – is the strength of the pulse and should
be easy to feel
(S-28) Pulse Sites
Temporal
Carotid – never check pulse rates on both carotid arteries
at the same time
Apical – over the heart and taken with a stethoscope
Brachial – typically used during blood pressure checks
 Radial – used most often, easy to reach, easy to find,
used for routine vital signs
Pedal – used to check circulation of the leg
ACTIVITY #1AA Pulse Sites
Ask students to locate the temporal, carotid, brachial, and
radial pulses.
(S-29) Radial Pulse Site

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Typically used to take pulse during routine vital signs	
checks	
Does not expose resident	
Located on thumb side of wrist	
First 2 or 3 fingers used; never use thumb	
(S-30) Pulse Values	
Normal pulse for adults (document)	
 Rate = between 60 and 100 beats per minute 	
Regular, and strong	
Abnormal pulse for adults (document and notify nurse)	
Bradycardia – less than 60 beats per minute Tacker and in the second than 400 has to many principle.	
o Tachycardia – more than 100 beats per minute	
Irregular pulse rhythmWeak in strength	
TEACHING TIP #5AA: Various Videos Playing a Variety	
of Heartbeat Rates and Rhythms	
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Preview the following videos and determine if any/all would	
augment classroom instruction:	
Play video, HEARTBEAT Sound Effect [High Quality] and	
indicate what is being heard will be felt when checking a	
regular radial pulse	
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTna_f379ug	
Play video, <i>Heartbeat Sound</i> and indicate what is being	
heard will be felt when checking a regular radial pulse	
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gJpT_wHZeF8	
Play video, Heart Beat Speeding Up and indicate what is	
being heard will be felt when checking a radial pulse that is	
speeding up:	
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Aiuio8IAOIg	
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Play video, <i>Irregular Heart Beat Sound Effect</i> and indicate what is being heard will be felt when checking an irregular	
radial pulse	
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZigEgnpsY9U	
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Play video, Irregular Heartbeat and indicate what is being	
heard will be felt when checking an irregular radial pulse	
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LFKjM32MHG0	
(S-31) Counting Pulse – Equipment	
Watch with a second hand	
Note pad/assignment sheet and pen	

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TEACHING TIP #6AA Class Assessment Analog Watch		
Use		
As previously stated, determine whether students in each		
class need basic instruction or review of content related to		
the analog watch. The next 2 slides may be reviewed quickly		
or slowly depending on the class.		
TEACHING TIP #7AA: Analog Watch Handout (Optional)		
Refer to the handout (if distributed) and for the next 2 slides		
point out each particular part in the handout depicted on		
each slide.		
(S-32) Analog Watch – 60 Seconds		
When counting pulse for 60 seconds, while watching the		
second hand, start counting and stop counting on the		
same number		
TEACHING TIP #8AA: Analog Watch – Practice		
Allow students to call out answers to slide #33		
(S-33) Using an Analog Watch – Practice		
Counting pulse for 60 seconds Stort accord hand on 3. stort accord hand on 3.		
o Start second hand on 2, stop second hand on 2		
o Start second hand on 5, stop second hand on 5		
o Start second hand on 12, stop second hand on 12		
o Start second hand on 10, stop second hand on 10		
 Start second hand on 4, stop second hand on 4 Start second hand on 6, stop second hand on 6 		
(S-34) Pulse – Checking Pulse and Documentation		
• The nurse aide counts pulse rate for 60 seconds (1		
minute)		
 While watching the second hand of an analog watch, the 		
nurse aide starts counting and stops counting on the		
same number		
 Document on the resident's record if the pulse falls within 		
the range of 60 and 100 and is regular and strong		
 Document on the resident's record and notify the nurse, if 		
pulse is abnormal		
TEACHING TIP #9AA: Counting Pulse 30 Seconds Times		
2		
You may want to:		
 Describe the process of counting pulse rate for 30 		
seconds and multiplying by 2, if pulse is regular; and to		
count pulse rate for a full minute if pulse is abnormal		
Stress importance of following facility policy and		
procedure for counting pulse		
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(S-	35) Checking Pulse – Example #1	
•	Nurse aide begins counting pulse rate when the second hand is on 7 and stops counting pulse when the second	
	hand lands on <u>7</u>	
•	Nurse aide counts a pulse rate of 82 in 60 seconds	
•	82 is the number the nurse aide would document	
(S-	36) Checking Pulse – Example #2	
•	Nurse aide begins counting pulse rate when the second	
	hand is on 10 and stops counting pulse when the second	
	hand lands on <u>10</u>	
•	Nurse aide counts a pulse rate of 109 in 60 seconds	
•	109 is the number the nurse aide would document	
•	Nurse aide would notify the nurse. Why?	
(S-	37) Structure and Function of the Heart	
•	The pump of the cardiovascular (circulatory) system	
•	Consists of 4 chambers – right and left atria, and right	
10	and left ventricles	
(5-	38) Structure and Function of the Heart	
•	Has 2 phases o (1) Working phase, or systole, when the heart is	
	o (1) Working phase, or systole, when the heart is pumping blood to the body, and the top number of a	
	blood pressure reading and	
	 (2) The resting phase, or diastole, when the heart fills 	
	with blood, and the bottom number of a blood	
	pressure reading	
(S-	39) Structure and Function of the Heart	
•	Blood pressure – is the amount of force exerted by the	
	blood against the walls of the artery	
	o Top number is the systolic pressure and the pressure	
	when the heart contracts and pumps blood out	
	 Bottom number is the diastolic pressure when the 	
	heart rests as the heart fills with blood	
(S-	40) Blood Pressure	
•	Important indicator of health status; shows how well heart	
	is working	
•	Can change from minute to minute depending on:	
	The activity of the resident (for position, BP is higher	
	lying in bed than seated in chair or standing; for	
	exercising, BP increases)	
	Lifestyle choices (BP increases with smoking and dripking: BP higher if resident is everyweight and	
	drinking; BP higher if resident is overweight and decreases as weight is lost; BP may be high if	
	resident eats a high salt diet)	
	Reaction to stressful events (BP increases with	
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Acute injury or emergency (a blood volume decrease	
from injury will decrease BP; BP increases with pain)	
Medications (raises or lowers BP depending on the	
medication)	
(S-41) Blood Pressure	
Genetic factors affect blood pressure:	
 Age (BP increases with age) 	
 Gender (women's BP usually lower) 	
 Race (black residents BP higher than white) 	
(S-42) Blood Pressure Site	
The brachial artery and the upper arm are sites most often	
used by the nurse aide when checking blood pressure	
(S-43) The Blood Pressure ValueMeasured in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg)	
, , , , ,	
 Recorded as a fraction, for example 120/80 Top number is systolic 	
O Bottom number is systolic Bottom number is diastolic	
Pronounced as 120 over 80	
(S-44) Blood Pressure Values	
Normal blood pressure ranges for adult	
Systolic (top number) – 90 mm Hg to 119 mm Hg	
Diastolic (bottom number) – 60 mm Hg to 79 mg Hg	
Document on record	
(S-45) Abnormal Blood Pressure Values	
Elevated blood pressure ranges (likely to develop high	
blood pressure unless steps are taken to control the	
blood pressure)	
 Systolic (top number) – 120 mm Hg to 129 mm Hg AND 	
 Diastolic (bottom number) – below 80 mm Hg 	
Hypertension – consistent elevated systolic or diastolic	
values	
 Systolic (top number) – 130 mm Hg or higher, OR 	
 Diastolic (bottom number) – 80 mm Hg or higher 	
Hypotension – too low systolic and/or diastolic values	
 Systolic (top number) – less than 90 mm Hg 	
 Diastolic (bottom number) – less than 60 mm Hg 	
Always document on the record and report abnormal	
blood pressures to nurse	
TEACHING TIP #10AA: Hypertension Stages	
The Mayo Clinic, the American Heart Association, and the	
American College of Cardiology divides hypertensive values	
into 2 stages:	
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Stage 1 systolic range – 130 to 139 OR diastolic range	113)
80 to 89	
Stage 2 systolic – 140 and above OR diastolic range 90	
and above	
Depending on the stage, the doctor will prescribe lifestyle	
changes or lifestyle changes and medications.	
(S-46) Using What You Have Learned	
Using factors effecting blood pressure and permal/abnormal values for blood pressure, evaluate the	
normal/abnormal values for blood pressure, evaluate the health of the examples of people on the next 3 slides	
ACTIVITY #2AA Blood Pressure and Factors of Select	
Examples of People	
Distribute Activity #2AA Worksheet to students.	
Read the following instructions: "As I describe each example	
featured in this activity, answer questions for each based on	
personal factors and blood pressure readings. For numbers	
1 – 4, write specific information for each individual. For	
numbers 5 – 14, place a check if the specific factor applies	
to the example. If a factor is not included in the description of the example, imply that it is not present."	
the example, imply that it is not present.	
(S-47) Blood Pressure Example #1	
• BP = 116/72	
A 64-year old female	
Weighs 130 pounds	
She has finished baking an apple pie	
She doesn't smoke or drink	
ACTIVITY #2AA: Example #1 Scenario	
What can you say about Example #1's blood pressure?	
What are factors in Example #1's life that affect her blood	
pressure?	
[Answers: Blood Pressure is normal. Example #1 is female,	
is standing up, is calm, is not overweight, and she doesn't	
smoke or drink.]	
(S-48) Blood Pressure Scenario for Example #2	
• BP = 162/86	

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A 72-year old male	
Weighs 260 pounds	
He is eating a couple of hot dogs and potato chips for	
lunch and is on his 4 th beer	
He just sent his son to the store for cigarettes	
,	
What can you say about Example #2's blood pressure?	
What are factors in Example #2's life that are currently	
affecting his blood pressure?	
ACTIVITY #2AA: Example #2's Scenario	
What can you say about Example #2's blood pressure?	
What are factors in Example #2's life that are currently	
affecting his blood pressure?	
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[Answers: Blood Pressure is high. Example #2 is male, is	
overweight, is inactive (sent son to store) is eating a high	
salt meal, he smokes, and drinks.]	
(S-49) Blood Pressure Scenario for Example #3	
• BP = 180/94	
A 22-year old maleWeighs 170 pounds	
He just wrecked his brand new truck	
He has a broken leg	
 He has a broken leg He is on a stretcher in the back of an ambulance 	
ACTIVITY #2AA: Example #3's Scenario	
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What can you say about Example #3's blood pressure?	
What are factors in Example #3's life that are currently	
affecting his blood pressure?	
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[Answers: Blood Pressure is high. Example #3 is lying down.	
Example #3 is stressed and is hurting.] (S-50) Blood Pressure	
The nurse aide uses three senses simultaneously when	
checking a resident's blood pressure:	
 Seeing – watches the needle's movement in relation 	
to the numbers on the manometer	
 Hearing – using the stethoscope, listens for sounds 	
indicating changes in blood flow in the brachial artery	
 Touching – controls the inflation and deflation of the 	
cuff using the thumb and index finger	
(S-51) Checking Blood Pressure - Equipment	

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• 8	Stethoscope
	Sphygmomanometer, also known as a blood pressure
	uff (hereafter referred to as BP cuff)
	slcohol wipes
	lote pad/assignment sheet and pen
	2) Stethoscope
• Ir	nstrument used to listen to heart and lung sounds
II.	or blood pressure checks, used to listen to sounds in
b	rachial artery
• N	May be single-head (with diaphragm only) or dual-head
	with diaphragm and bell)
-	3) Stethoscope – Parts
	ar pieces
	Sinaurals
	Rubber or plastic tubing
	Chest-piece (with diaphragm or diaphragm/bell)
IEA	CHING TIP #11AA: Website About Stethoscope
Cha	www.haita Anatamy.of a Cliniaian Stathagaana and
II.	w website, Anatomy of a Clinician Stethoscope and orce the parts of the stethoscope:
	s://www.adctoday.com/node/7886
	4) Stethoscope – Ear Pieces
	o prevent infection, always clean before use and after
	se with an alcohol wipe
II.	nsert ear pieces into ears so that they point forward
	oward the nose
• 8	Should fit snugly in ears to block out noise
	5) Dual-head Stethoscope – Diaphragm
• B	sefore using dual-head stethoscope to take blood
р	ressure, determine which side of chest-piece is active
• T	o check blood pressure, diaphragm needs to be active
(S-5	6) Two Ways to Check for an Active Diaphragm
	Ifter inserting ear pieces into ears, tap diaphragm lightly
	determine if tap is heard; if tap not heard, rotate chest-
	iece at tubing, and repeat the tap
	chest-piece has an indicator dot, rotate chest-piece so
	ndicator dot is closed
•	7) Diaphragm Concepts
	o prevent infection, always clean before use, between
	esidents, and after use with an alcohol wipe
	Varm diaphragm with hand before making contact with
	esident
	o use diaphragm, apply enough pressure to make a
S	eal against the brachial artery at the crook of the elbow

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ACTIVITY #3AA: Meet the Stethoscope		
After placing students in pairs or triads and distributing stethoscopes/alcohol wipes, instruct them to take turns:		
stethoscopes/alcohol wipes, instruct them to take turns.		
Identifying the parts of the stethoscope		
Rotating the chest piece while observing the indicator dot		
opening and closing (if dual-head chest-piece)		
Examining ear pieces and practicing putting ear pieces in		
ears ensuring that ear pieces are cleaned between		
students with alcohol wipesDetermining whether diaphragm is active by inserting ear		
pieces into the ear and tapping diaphragm lightly to		
determine if tap is heard; if tap not heard, rotate chest-		
piece at the tubing, and repeat the tap (if dual-head		
chest-piece)		
Noting whether the indicator dot is opened or closed		
when diaphragm is active (if dual-head chest-piece)		
[Note: You may want to jot down the tasks on the dry-erase		
board. Be sure to wander around the room checking for		
progress.]		
TEACHING TIP #12AA: Aneroid Versus Android		
Do sware of the propunciation of approid and do not mix it		
Be aware of the pronunciation of aneroid and do not mix it up with the word, android. An android has several meanings,		
(1) a robot with a human appearance and (2) a type of		
smartphone.		
(S-58) BP Cuff		
Two types		
Manual (aneroid) and		
Electronic (digital) (S. 50) Floatronic Type		
(S-59) Electronic TypeNo stethoscope		
 After BP cuff is placed on arm, button is pressed causing 		
cuff to inflate/deflate automatically		
BP reading is displayed		
(S-60) Aneroid BP Cuff – Parts		
Manometer		
Cuff with bladder		
Inflation bulb with air-release valve		
Tube from cuff to manometer Tube from suff to the hondly inflation holds		
Tube from cuff to the handheld inflation bulb HANDOUT #2AA: Approid Blood Brooking Management And Brooking Managem		
HANDOUT #2AA: Aneroid Blood Pressure Manometer		

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Distribute handout to class. Use as a resource when		
describing the aneroid blood pressure manometer and how		
to determine the blood pressure value.		
(S-61) Manometer		
 Marked with long and short lines and has a needle 		
 The long lines mark 10 mm Hg 		
 The short lines mark 2 mm Hg 		
Watch the needle as the cuff deflates while listening for		
sounds through stethoscope		
(S-62) Manometer		
The long lines equal 10 mm Hg		
The short lines equal 2 mm Hg		
If the needle lands between 2 lines at the point that the		
systolic sound is heard, or the sound is no longer heard		
(diastolic), then the number value is rounded up to the		
next 2 mm Hg; odd numbers are not recorded/reported		
when using a manual BP cuff		
(S-63) Manometer		
When checking a blood pressure, you will be watching		
the needle as it drops from a higher number to a lower		
number, so you will be counting backwards		
ACTIVITY #4AA: Hearing and Seeing Blood Pressure Readings		
Reduings		
Show the two videos, Reading Blood Pressure and Learning		
Tools: Blood Pressure Basics - Audio-Visual Coordination		
Skills to assist students to make the leap from lecture and		
handout to actually hearing sounds/seeing the movement of		
the manometer needle.		
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oioFVbsiwEk		
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bHXvhOQ0hYc		
TEACHING TIP #13AA Aneroid Blood Pressure		
Manometer Interactive Strategy		
In addition to using the handout as a teaching strategy, you		
may want to duplicate copies of the aneroid blood pressure		
manometer, laminate them, and use during class. Distribute		
dry erase pens and napkins for use by the students. Call out		
blood pressures and require students to mark both the		
systolic and diastolic pressures. Walk around the room and determine how students did. Repeat several times with		
different values. Collect the laminated dials and dry erase		
umerent values. Conect the laminated dials and dry erase		

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TEACHING TIP #14AA: Aneroid Blood Pressure		
Manometer Interactive Strategy		
You may want to enlarge a copy of the aneroid blood		
pressure manometer, create a needle that attaches with a		
brad, affix to corrugated poster board, and use for		
demonstration in class.		
(S-64) Example of Blood Pressure Reading		
Systolic is 150 mm Hg		
Diastolic is 88 mm Hg		
BP is written down as 150/88		
BP is pronounced as "150 over 88"		
ACTIVITY #5AA: Aneroid Blood Pressure		
Determine whether this activity will be used as an in-class		
assignment, homework assignment, or as a quiz grade.		
Distribute to students and instruct to use accordingly.		
(S-65) Cuff		
After wrapping the cuff around the bare upper arm,		
The cuff inflates and puts pressure on the brachial		
artery		
 As cuff deflates, BP is determined 		
(S-66) Cuff		
Cuffs come in child-sized, small (circumference of arm is		
7-9 inches), regular (circumference of arm is 9-13		
inches), and extra-large (circumference of arm is 13-17		
inches)		
Important to choose correct size because a too big or too		
small cuff can impact accuracy of reading		
(S-67) Cuff		
Typically has 1 or 2 arrows (left arm/right arm) on cuff		
which align with brachial artery		
Cuff positioned/wrapped at least an inch above the elbow		
Cuff or stethoscope should not be placed over clothing		
(S-68) Tubing		
Made of rubber		
Two tubes connect the:		
o (#1) Cuff to the manometer and		
(#2) Cuff to the handheld inflation bulb		
TEACHING TIP #15AA: Clockwise and Counterclockwise		
Introduce the concepts of clockwise and counterclockwise,		
pointing out the small clocks on slides #69 and #70.		

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(S-69) Inflation Bulb with the Air-release Valve	
 To inflate cuff, turn air-release valve clockwise to close valve; then squeeze the bulb; remember thumb goes up, needle goes up 	
(S-70) Inflation Bulb with the Air-release Valve	
To deflate cuff and open valve, turn air-release valve counterclockwise with the thumb and index finger in a slow and controlled manner; remember thumb goes down, needle goes down	
(S-71) Inflation Bulb with the Air-release Valve	
 Inflate cuff to between 160 mm Hg to 180 mm Hg If beat is heard immediately, deflate the cuff; wait 30 – 60 seconds; inflate cuff to no more than 200 mg Hg 	
(S-72) Inflation Bulb with the Air-release Valve	
Goal: learn how to inflate the cuff and how to deflate the cuff in a slow, controlled manner Disco the RR suff on the swim poodle (keep it there)	
 Place the BP cuff on the swim noodle (keep it there) Using the inflation bulb and air-release valve, take turns inflating the cuff and deflating the cuff in a slow, controlled manner 	
ACTIVITY #6AA Working with the Inflation Bulb and the	
Air-release Valve	
Beforehand, cut swim noodles in 1½-foot sections. Swim noodles come in 2 sizes; the larger of the 2 sizes works better. Demonstrate how to place the BP cuff on the swim noodle, how to inflate the bulb, and how to deflate the bulb in a slow, controlled manner.	
Pair students and distribute a swim noodle and a BP cuff to each pair. Ask students to:	
 Take turns placing the BP cuff on the swim noodle and taking the BP cuff off the swim noodle. Next, after placing the BP cuff on the swim noodle (keep it there), take turns using the inflation bulb and airrelease valve: Inflate the cuff and Deflate the cuff in a slow, controlled manner 	
(S-73) Blood Pressure – Nevers	
 Do not take blood pressure on an arm with an IV, dialysis shunt, or other medical device in place Avoid taking blood pressure on a side that has been 	
injured or burned, is paralyzed, has a cast, or has had a mastectomy	

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(S-	74) Orthostatic Hypotension	110)
•	Defined – abnormal low blood pressure that occurs when	
	the resident suddenly stands up; complaints of feeling	
	weak, dizzy, faint and seeing spots before the eyes	
	May be a complication from being on bed rest	
	75) Orthostatic Hypotension – Process	
•	Nurse aide may be asked to take an orthostatic blood	
	pressure measurement; process includes:	
	BP checked while lying down, record in note pad	
	Have resident sit up, wait 2 minutes, check BP,	
	record in notepad	
	 Have resident stand up, wait 2 minutes, check BP, 	
	record in notepad	
	Record and report findings to nurse	
	Throughout process, nurse aide should check to see if	
	resident is feeling weak, dizzy, faint, or seeing spots	
	76) Orthostatic Hypotension – Prevention	
-	Per care plan and directive from nurse	
	Increase activity in stages: bed rest then sitting on	
	side of bed (dangling) then walking	
	Before standing, while sitting on side of bed	
	(dangling), have resident cough/deep breathe and	
	move legs back-and-forth in circles, 1 to 5 minutes	
	 Ask resident to report weakness, dizziness, faintness, 	
	or seeing spots	
(S-	77) Body Temperature	
•	Defined – amount of heat created by the body; balance	
	between the amount heat produced and the heat lost	
•	Is typically stable	
•	Produced – created in the body when cells use food for	
	energy	
	Lost to the environment – through skin, breathing, urine,	
	and stool	
•	78) Body Temperature - Terminology	
	Fever – an elevated temperature	
	Febrile – with a fever	
	Afebrile – without a fever	
	Thermometer – device used to measure body	
	temperature	
	Fahrenheit (F) and Centigrade (C) – scales used to	
	measure temperature; stated in degrees (°)	
•	79) Factors Affecting Temperature	
	Age (older lower temperature than younger)	
•	Illness (typically increases with infection)	

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Stress (causes an increase)	g <i>)</i>	
 Environment (dependent upon humidity and temperature) 		
Exercise (causes an increase)		
Time of day (lowest in the morning; higher in afternoon		
and evening)		
(S-80) Sites		
 Important to check with nurse or care plan to see what 		
type of thermometer is used		
o Mouth (oral)		
 Rectum (rectal) – most accurate; never let go of rectal 		
thermometer while checking temperature		
Armpit (axilla) – least accurate		
o Ear (tympanic)		
o Temporal artery (forehead)		
(S-81) When NOT to Take an Oral Temperature		
Is unconscious		
Recent facial or mouth surgery		
Recent injury to face		
Has sores, redness, or mouth pain		
Is confused or agitated I lister or ag		
History or seizure		
Is using oxygenIs mouth-breather		
 Has a feeding tube (S-82) When NOT to Take a Rectal Temperature 		
Has diarrhea		
Has rectal problem		
Has heart disease		
Recent rectal surgery		
Is confused or agitated		
(S-83) Temperature Values		
Oral		
o Baseline – 98.6°F		
○ Normal range – 97.6°F to 99.6°F		
Rectal		
o Baseline − 99.6°F		
 Normal range – 98.6°F to 100.6°F 		
Axillary		
o Baseline − 97.6°F		
o Normal range – 96.6°F to 98.6°F		
(S-84) Temperature Values		
Tympanic membrane		
o Baseline – 98.6°F		
○ Normal range – 97.6°F to 99.6°F		

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Temporal		
o Baseline – 98.6°F		
 Normal range – 97.6°F to 99.6°F 		
(S-85) Types of Thermometers		
Digital – oral, rectal, axillary		
Electronic – oral, rectal, axillary		
Tympanic – ear		
Temporal – forehead		
Non-mercury, liquid-filled glass (oral – green tipped)		
Non-mercury, liquid-filled glass (rectal – red tipped)		
TEACHING TIP #16AA: Thermometer Display		
Display a variety of thermometers and include equipment		
required for each.		
(S-86) Digital Thermometer		
Oral, rectal, or axillary		
 Displays results digitally and is quick, within 2 – 60 		
seconds, and beeps or flashes when done		
Battery-operated		
Requires a disposable sheath		
(S-87) Electronic Thermometer		
Oral, rectal, or axillary		
Have oral (blue tipped) and rectal (red tipped) probes; for		
axillary temperature use oral (blue tipped) thermometer		
 Displays results digitally and is quick, within 2 – 60 		
seconds, and beeps or flashes when done		
Battery-operated and stored in recharging device		
Requires a probe cover		
(S-88) Tympanic Thermometer		
• Ear		
Registers temperature in seconds		
May need practice to operate accurately		
(S-89) Temporal Thermometer		
Measures heat from skin over the forehead, specifically		
over temporal artery		
Done by a stroke or scan over the area Parietars within 2 as and to		
Registers within 3 seconds		
Noninvasive Non moreury, Liquid filled Class Thermometers.		
(S-90) Non-mercury, Liquid-filled Glass Thermometers –		
EquipmentThermometer		
ThermometerSheath		
Gloves		
GlovesWatch		
• Walui		

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• Pen		
Notepad		
Alcohol wipe		
Water soluble lubricant (rectal temperature only)		
(S-91) Non-mercury, Liquid-filled Glass Thermometers		
Oral, rectal, or axillary		
Color-coded		
Either blue or green for oral		
o Red for rectal		
Takes a long time to register – 3 to 10 minutes based on site		
Held at the stem of the thermometer and read at eye level		
The nurse aide must read the thermometer after it		
registers the temperature; held at stem; read at eye level		
Most health care providers use the Fahrenheit scale to		
measure temperature, even though both Fahrenheit and		
Celsius values are typically seen on thermometer		
(S-92) Reading the Non-mercury, Liquid-filled Glass Thermometer		
For Fahrenheit readings:		
The long line represents 1 degree		
 The long line represents 1 degree The short line represents two tenths (2/10) of a 		
degree		
(S-93) Example of an Oral Temperature Reading		
Temperature of 102.8°F		
ACTIVITY #7AA: Fahrenheit Temperature		
Determine whether this activity will be used as an in-class		
assignment, homework assignment, or as a quiz grade.		
Distribute to students and instruct to use accordingly.		

Module AA – Measurement (Intake and Output)		
Content	Notes	
(S-94) Title Slide		
(S-95) Fluid Balance		
Living things need water to survive		
Adult needs about 1500 mL of water intake daily to survive		
About 2000 to 2500 mL needed for normal fluid balance		
Hydration – having the right amount of water in the body's		
tissues		
(S-96) Fluid Balance		
The body takes in water by drinking fluids and eating foods		
The body loses water by way of urine, feces (bowel movement),		
vomit, perspiration (sweat), and lungs (breathing out), plus		
drainage from wounds or liquids from stomach suctioning		
Death can occur if the body has too much or too little water in		
the tissues		
(S-97) Intake and Output		
Intake (also called input) – the amount of fluid taken in by the		
body		
Output – the amount of fluid lost from the body		
Intake and output are typically seen together and commonly		
abbreviated (I&O)		
For fluid balance to occur fluid intake roughly equals fluid output		
(S-98) Fluid Balance Not Achieved – Edema		
When fluid intake is greater than fluid output, edema occurs		
Body tissues swell with water		
May occur from heart or kidney disease		
(S-99) Edema – Nurse Aide's Role		
Obtain accurate weights per order		
Increase pillows per resident's request		
Restrict fluids per doctor's order		
Measure and record I&O accurately, if ordered		
Observe for and report signs/symptoms: weight gain of 1 to 2		
pounds in a day; decrease in urine output; increased heart rate;		
difficult breathing or shortness of breath; fatigue; swelling of		
ankles, feet, fingers, hands; coughing; tight, smooth, shiny skin		
(S-100) Fluid Balance Not Achieved – Dehydration		
When fluid intake is less that fluid output, dehydration occurs		
Body tissues are lacking in water		
May occur from vomiting, diarrhea, fever, or simply refusing to		
drink fluids		
(S-101) Dehydration – Nurse Aide's Role		
Determine preferences of fluids and offer fluids each time nurse		
aide enters room		

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•	Assure water pitcher and cup are within reach	
•	Measure and record I&O accurately, if ordered	
•	Force fluids (encourage to drink more fluids), if ordered by the	
	doctor	
•	Observe for and report signs and symptoms of potential	
	dehydration and presence of dehydration	
	 Warning signs for dehydration – drinks less than six 8-ounce 	
	glasses of fluids per day; drinks little or no fluids during	
	meals; needs help drinking fluids; has trouble swallowing	
	fluids; has fever, vomiting, diarrhea; complaints of thirst, dry	
	mouth; decrease in urinary output	
	 Signs/symptoms of dehydration – rapid, weak pulse; irregular 	
	heartbeat; low blood pressure; dark, strong-smelling urine, in	
	small amounts; severe thirst; dry mouth and mucous	
	membranes; cracked lips; warm, dry, wrinkled skin; flushed	
	face; constipation; weight loss; weakness, dizziness,	
	confusion; headache; irritable	
(5-	-102) I&O	
•	Ordered by the doctor; found on care plan and directive from	
	nurse	
•	Typically calculated at the end of each shift and totaled every 24-hours	
•	Documented on a facility-specific form in the appropriate column Calculations and totals based on the milliliter (mL)	
• (S-	103) The Milliliter (mL)	
•	A unit of measure in the metric system	
•	Fluids measured using the milliliter (mL)	
	Another unit of measure used in healthcare is called the cubic	
•	centimeter (cc); however nurse aides should use the	
	abbreviation, mL instead of cc when documenting volume of fluid	
	1 milliliter is equal to 1 cubic centimeter	
•	Most people are familiar with the teaspoon; there are 5 mL in a	
•	teaspoon	
TE	ACHING TIP #17AA Use of mL Instead of cc in Healthcare	
Th	e Institute for Safe Medication Practices has included cc (the	
	breviation for cubic centimeter) on its List of Error-Prone	
	breviations, Symbols, and Dose Designations.	
TE	ACHING TIP #18AA: The Milliliter	
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	ss around a medicine cup or a syringe with 1 milliliter of colored	
	ter for students to view.	
	ACHING TIP #19AA: Video About the Milliliter and Cubic	
Ce	ntimeter	

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Show video, Understanding mL (milliliter), Liter, & Cubic Centimeter
to explain the milliliter and cubic centimeter:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=luDoyp2G-YM
(S-104) The Graduate
Accurate measuring device for fluids when resident is on I&O
Even though graduate is marked in ounces, plus milliliters (mL)
or cubic centimeters, fluid for I&O is measured and documented
in mL
Measure fluid at eye-level on flat surface
If both intake and output are to be measured with the graduate,
two separate graduates are used and labelled
(S-105) Units of Measure for the Graduate
The C.C. (cubic centimeter) side of the measurement scale is
used in health care
Recall 1 C.C. on the graduate = 1 milliliter (mL)
Shortest line represents either 25 cc/mL or 75 cc/mL
Longest lines represent multiples of 50 cc/mL
TEACHING TIP #20AA: The Graduate
Pass around an empty, clean graduate for students to view.
(S-106) Measuring I&O – Importance
Used to evaluate fluid balance
Used to evaluate kidney function
Assists in planning and evaluating medical treatment
Assists with carrying out special fluid orders
Used to help prevent or detect complications from fluid intake
Fluid intake is one factor that reflects the resident's nutritional
status
(S-107) Fluids Considered as Intake
Liquids that the resident drinks
Semi-liquid foods that are eaten
Other fluids including intravenous (IV) fluids and tube feedings
that nurse is responsible for maintaining and measuring
(S-108) Fluids – Liquids
Water
• Milk
• Coffee
• Tea
• Juices
• Soups
Soft drinks
(S-109) Fluids – Semi-liquid Foods
Milkshakes

	Module AA – Measurement (Intake and Output)	
• Ice crea		
Sherber		
 Custard 		
Pudding		
 Gelatin 		
 Popsicle 	es	
(S-110) Pro	oviding Drinking Water	
 Resider 	nts need fresh drinking water provided each shift and if	
water p	itcher is empty	
Before	providing water, check with care plan or nurse to see if	
	t can have ice and a straw and if special fluid orders are	
in place	·	
•	acility's procedure regarding time schedule and process	
	oviding Drinking Water – Concepts	
` '	resident's name and room number is labeled on ice	
pitcher		
•	or cracks and chips in water pitcher and cup when filling;	
	ske sure they are clean; replace when needed	
	ouch inside or rim of cup and pitcher	
	ake resident's used water pitcher directly to ice machine;	
	nsmit germs	
	coop ice with resident's watcher pitcher	
	place ice into the water pitcher first, then fill with water	
	ecial Fluid Orders	
, , ,	to maintain fluid balance, the doctor may order amount	
	a resident must drink a day	
	age fluids	
	ident drinks increased amount of fluids	
	ds that resident likes and are on resident's diet are left at	
	side within easy reach; kept at appropriate temperature;	
	require being placed on ice in a pan	
	se aide offers fluids regularly if person is dependent and	
	not feed self or is confused	
	se aide offers fluids each time he/she enters the room	
Restrict		
	ds are limited to certain amount	
	ds offered in small amounts	
	er pitcher removed from room (or out of sight)	
	ident will require frequent mouth care	
	by mouth (NPO)	
_	allowed to eat or drink anything	
	cally ordered before/after surgery, before certain lab	
	s, before special diagnostic procedures, and for certain	
	sses	

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Water pitcher removed from room (or out of sight)
Resident will require frequent mouth care
Thickened liquids
 All fluids must be thickened, even water
 Thickness depends on resident's ability to swallow
Located on the care plan
Nurse aide must measure and record intake very carefully
TEACHING TIP #21AA Thickening Agent
3 3 7
Demonstrate the creation of thickened fluids using a thickening
agent.
(S-113) Determining Oral Fluids as Intake
To determine intake, nurse aide must know serving sizes of
containers that fluids are served in a facility
 Typically found on the I&O sheet
 Nurse aide will eventually know serving sizes of containers
without needing to refer to I&O sheet as resource
Two methods to measure intake of oral fluids
 Measures – using a designated graduate, the nurse aide
measures the amount of fluid left in the container and
subtracts that amount from the total amount the container
holds
 Using fractions – knowing the amount in milliliters that a
serving container holds, the nurse aide uses fractions to
calculate how much fluid the resident drank based on the
amount of fluid left in the container
Follow facility policy and/or procedure when determining intake
of fluids during and between meals
(S-114) Typical Serving Sizes of Liquids
• Water glass = 240 mL
Tea glass = 180 mL
Juice glass = 120 mL
Milk carton = 240 mL
Coffee cup = 240 mL
Soft drink can = 360 mL
Gelatin = 120 mL
Soup bowl = 180 mL
Ice chips = 1/2 amount of mL in container
(S-115) Determining Intake – Measures
The nurse aide knows that the glass with the resident's apple
juice holds 240 mL of fluid
Using the graduate and measuring the apple juice left in the
glass, the nurse aide notes that the resident did not drink 120
mL of apple juice

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Subtracting 120 mL of apple juice, the resident didn't drink from			
the number of mL the glass holds			
The nurse aide determines the resident drank 120 mL of apple in the second s			
juice			
ACTIVITY #8AA: Explaining Fractions of a Whole			
Show the video, <i>Finding a Fraction of a Number</i> to introduce or re-			
introduce the students to fractions of whole numbers as they learn a			
method to determine fluid intake:			
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUVC3IIPw_w			
Once the students are feeling comfortable working with fractions,			
allow them to practice in class together or at home using <i>Unit 10</i> ,			
Section 3: Fractions of Quantities:			
https://www.cimt.org.uk/projects/mepres/book7/bk7i10/bk7_10i3.htm			
(S-116) Determining Intake – Fractions			
To determine fluid intake using fractions, the nurse aide needs a			
basic understanding of fractions in relation to a whole, which is 1			
The entire bar is = 1 and includes A agual parts or 4 fourths			
 4 equal parts or 4 fourths 2 equal parts or 2 halves 			
3 equal parts or 3 thirds			
(S-117) Determining Intake – Fractions			
• 2/3 of 240 mL of coffee			
 The 2 – numerator tells the number of parts the resident 			
drank			
 The 3 – denominator tells the number of parts that were 			
originally in the container			
The 240 – amount of fluid served to resident			
(S-118) Determining Intake – Fractions			
2/3 of 240 mL of coffee			
240 mL in the resident's coffee cup			
Resident drank 2/3 cup of coffee			
Resident drank 160 mL of coffee			
(S-119) Determining Intake – Fractions			
1/2 of 240 mL of coffee			
240 mL in the resident's coffee cup Partition 1/2 and 1/			
Resident drank 1/2 cup of coffee Resident drank 1/2 cup of coffee			
·			
 Resident drank 1/2 cup of coffee Resident drank 120 mL of coffee (S-120) Recall Determining Intake – Fractions 2/3 of 240 mL of coffee The 2 – numerator tells the number of parts the resident drank The 3 – denominator tells the number of parts that were 			

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originally in the container		
o The 240 – amount of fluid served to resident		
(S-121) Determining Intake – Fractions (Quick)		
2/3 of 240 mL of coffee		
 Determine what 1 part of total coffee equals by dividing the 		
total mL amount of coffee (240) by 3 = 80		
 Resident drank 2 of the 3 parts of the coffee, so multiply 80 		
(which is 1 part) by 2 because the resident drank 2 of the 3		
parts = 160		
The resident drank 160 mL of the coffee		
(S-122) Milliliters and Ounces		
A common conversion in health care is changing (or converting)		
ounces to milliliters		
• 1 ounce = 30 mL		
To convert ounces to milliliters, simply multiply number of		
ounces by 30		
TEACHING TIP #22A Little Plastic Medicine Cup		
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A plastic medication cup would be a great visual for students to		
pass around in class as it would demonstrate the equivalence of 30		
mL and 1 ounce. An added strategy would be to provide each		
student with a medication cup to keep.		
(S-123) Conversion Problem – Apple Juice		
8 fluid ounces of apple juice in the glass		
1 fluid ounce = 30 milliliters (mL)		
8 x 30 milliliters (mL) = 240 milliliters (mL)		
240 mL of apple juice in the glass ACTIVITY #9AA: Intake Calculations		
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Determine whether this activity will be used as an in class		
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assignment, homework assignment, or as a quiz grade. Distribute to		
students and instruct to use accordingly.		
ACTIVITY #10AA: Let's Make a Chart		
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assignment, homework assignment, or as a quiz grade. Distribute to		
students and instruct to use accordingly.		
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You could also make this a team activity and assign each team a		
row of the chart. Bring students together and check/complete the		
chart.		
(S-124) Milliliters (mL) and Cubic Centimeters (cc)		
Devices in health care are often marked in cubic centimeters (cc)		
A common conversion is changing (or converting) cc to milliliters		

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	(mL)	
	1 cubic centimeter (cc) = 1 milliliter (mL)	
•	To convert cc to mL, simply use the exact number measured	
	125) Conversion Problem – Grape Juice	
(0	120 cubic centimeters (cc) of grape juice in the glass	
•	1 cc = 1 milliliter (mL)	
	120 mL of grape juice in the glass	
(S-	126) Fluids Considered as Output	
(0	Urine	
	Vomit	
	Diarrhea	
	Wound drainage	
	Gastric suction material	
	ACHING TIP #23AA: Devices That Collect Output Display	
'-	Actinto the #20AA. Devices that conect output Display	
Dis	play a variety of devices that collect output either with or without	
	e body fluids.	
	127) Devices That Collect Output	
•	Catheter bag	
	Urinal	
	Commode hat	
•	Emesis basin	
(S-	128) Foley Catheter Bag	
•	Connected to indwelling (Foley) catheter which drains bladder of	
	urine	
•	Emptied into a measuring device at end of shift (or sooner, if full)	
•	Measurement done using measuring device instead of catheter	
	bag; measurement markings are not as accurate as a graduate	
(S-	129) The Urinal	
•	A plastic, elongated device, angled at the top and used by men	
	to urinate into, particularly when confined to bed or on output	
•	Meant for single-resident use	
•	As a measuring device, it is marked in ounces and cc (same as	
	mL), with 100 cc (mL) increments marked lines and 50 cc (mL)	
	unmarked lines between	
(S-	130) The Commode Hat (or Specimen Pan)	
•	A plastic collection container placed under the commode lid	
•	Used when resident has bathroom privileges and	
	o Is on output and/or	
	 Has a urine or stool specimen ordered 	
•	As a measuring device, it is marked in ounces and cc (same as	
	mL) and has a grooved edge allowing for ease of emptying into	
	the commode	
•	Important for resident to not put toilet paper into the hat/pan, but	

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into the commode	
(S-131) The Emesis Basin	
A plastic, shallow basin shaped like a kidney that fits against the	
resident's neck and collects body fluids	
Used	
 During mouthcare 	
 When a resident is nauseated 	
As a measuring device, it is marked in ounces and cc (same as	
mL), with 100 cc (mL) increments	
(S-132) RECALL: Units of Measure for the Graduate	
The C.C. (cubic centimeter) side of the measurement scale is	
used in health care	
Recall 1 C.C. on the graduate = 1 milliliter (mL)	
Shortest line represents either 25 cc/mL or 75 cc/mL	
Longest lines represent multiples of 50 cc/mL	
[Using the graduate, next 3 slides will include graduates of urine	
to measure]	
(S-133) Measuring Urine #1	
• Long line = 200 cc (mL)	
• Short line = 25 cc (mL)	
• Amount = 225 cc (mL)	
Document = 225 mL (S 134) Massuring Hring #2	
(S-134) Measuring Urine #2 • Long line = 500 cc (mL)	
• Amount = 500 cc (mL)	
• Document = 500 mL	
(S-135) Measuring Urine #3	
• Long line = 300 cc (mL)	
• Short line = 25 cc (mL)	
• Amount = 325 cc (mL)	
 Document = 325 mL 	
ACTIVITY #11AA: Urine Output	
Determine whether this activity will be used as an in-class	
assignment, homework assignment, or as a quiz grade. Distribute to	
students and instruct to use accordingly.	
TEACHING TIP #24AA: Urine in Graduates Display	
Binds on a local section of the sect	
Display several graduates with varying amounts of fake urine for	
students to observe. You may choose to place a card in front of the	
graduates, with the amounts of fake urine included; or not include	
the cards and require students to measure the fake urine	
individually or in pairs. (S. 136) Determining/Decumenting Food Intake	
(S-136) Determining/Documenting Food Intake	

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(S-137) Determining and Documenting Food Intake –			
Importance			
Determining intake of meals accurately is important in identifying			
the resident at risk for or already experiencing impaired nutrition			
Food intake is one of the factors that reflects the resident's nutritional status			
 Poor food intake at meals or changes in food intake that persists 			
for multiple meals may indicate an underlying problem or illness			
and should be reported to the nurse			
Much of a resident's daily fluid intake comes from meals; when resident has decreased appetite, can result in fluid/electrolyte.			
resident has decreased appetite, can result in fluid/electrolyte imbalance.			
(S-138) Determining Food Intake			
The nurse aide compares the amount of food that was eaten			
with the amount of food served			
To measure food intake, the nurse aide needs a basic			
understanding of percentages in relation to a whole, which is			
100%			
(S-139) Understanding Percentages of a Whole			
The entire circle = 100% and includes 4 equal parts			
Each 25% is ¼ of the whole			
• 25% + 25% = 50% (or ½ of the whole)			
• 25% + 25% + 25% = 75% (or ¾ of the whole)			
(S-140) Determining Food Intake			
Follow facility procedure regarding determining and recording			
food intake, for example			
Listing exact food that was eaten (all of chicken, all green			
beans, ½ of mashed potatoes, ¼ of biscuit, all of pie)			
Using specific words (all, good, fair, poor, refused) Light percentages of food enter (100%, 75%, 50%, 25%)			
 Using percentages of food eaten (100%, 75%, 50%, 25%, 0%) 			
(S-141) The Resident is Served His Meals			
Breakfast consists of 2 eggs, 2 slices of bacon, fried apples,			
grits, biscuit, coffee, and apple juice			
Lunch consists of 4 grilled chicken tenders, mashed potatoes,			
broccoli, a corn muffin, coffee, and water			
(S-142) Resident Ate 0% of Meals (Refused)			
Refused meal completely or ate only one or two bites of each			
item			
(S-143) Resident Ate 25% of Meals (Poor)			
Ate about 25% of entrée or 50% of one item			
(S-144) Resident Ate 50% of Meals (Fair)			
About 50% of food has been eaten (for example, 50% of entrée and 25% of a vegetable)			
and 25% of a vegetable)			

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(S-145) Resident Ate 75% of Meals (Good)		
 Most of meal has been eaten, but a large part of one item or two 		
items have been left (for example, 25% of entrée or 75% of a		
vegetable not eaten)		
(S-146) Resident Ate 100% of Meals (All)		
All of meal has been eaten except for a small amount of food (for		
example, less than 25% of a vegetable has not been eaten)		
TEACHING TIP #25AA: Creating Food Intake Trays		
Use corrugated poster board and cut out several pieces the size of		
trays. Cut out and laminate pictures of foods from magazines or		
product boxes to create simulated foods reflecting various states of		
consumption. Using paper plates, place meals with laminated foods		
reflecting percentages of food intake on them. Create meal trays		
with the corrugated poster board and plates of food for students to		
evaluate and assign percentages of intake for each.		

Module AA – Measurement (Height and Weight)		
Content	Notes	
(S-147) Title Slide		
(S-148) Weight and Height – Overview		
Both weight and height are measured on admission to		
the facility		
Units of measure		
 Weight may be measured using pounds or kilograms, per facility policy 		
 Height may be measured using feet and inches or just 		
inches, per facility policy; centimeters typically are not used		
After admission		
 Height typically not measured again 		
 Weight measured per facility policy or per doctor's 		
order; as directed by nurse and care plan – daily,		
weekly, monthly		
(S-149) Weights of Residents in Long-term Care		
Facilities		
Current standards of practice in long-term care facilities		
recommend weighing resident on admission or		
readmission (to establish a baseline weight), weekly for		
the first 4 weeks after admission, and at least monthly		
thereafter to help identify and document trends such as		
weight loss or gain		
Crucial that weight is obtained accurately and consistently so comparisons along time are more reliable.		
consistently so comparisons along time are more reliable o Facility-wide scales must be calibrated and		
functioning appropriately		
A consistent process in place		
(S-150) Weights – Consistent Process		
Weigh the resident:		
Wearing a similar type of clothing		
At approximately the same time of the day (preferably)		
before breakfast)		
 Using the same scale 		
 Either consistently wearing or not wearing orthotics or 		
prostheses		
(S-151) Accurate Weights – Importance		
Weight is one of the parameters that reflects the		
resident's nutritional status		
Fluid loss or retention can cause short term weight		
changes; abrupt weight changes along with change in		
food intake are signs of fluid and electrolyte imbalance.		
Weight loss may be important indicator of a change in		

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resident's health status or sign of malnourishment	
If significant weight loss noted, health care team reviews	
for possible causes	
(S-152) Physician Mechanical Beam Scale	
Used for measuring weight and height	
Residents who cannot stand	
Weighed using chair, wheelchair, bed, or mechanical	
lift, as directed by the nurse or care plan	
Height measured in the bed using a tape measure	
and ruler	
(S-153) Physician Mechanical Beam Scale	
Balance beam with upper and lower poise bars	
Weight indicators	
Balance bar and window	
Height rod with upper and lower sections	
Head piece – resting and active	
Scale platform	
Pillar and pillar head	
(S-154) Balance Beam	
Has 2 poise bars – the upper bar and the lower bar	
May include pounds only or pounds on the top part of	
each bar and kilograms on the bottom part of each bar;	
may have interchangeable pound and kilogram bars	
(S-155) Upper Poise Bar	
Long lines represent pounds	
Short lines represent ¼ pounds each; increments include	
1/4, 1/2, 3/4	
(S-156) Lower Poise Bar	
Single lines represent increments of 50 pounds	
Grooves located along the top of the lower bar align with	
weight increments	
TEACHING TIP #26: The Kilogram	
Introduce the kilogram (kg) as a metric measurement of	
weight and as a frame of reference, 1 kilogram = 2.2	
pounds.	
(S-157) Weight Indicators	
Both upper and lower bars have movable weight	
indicators	
The weight indicator for the lower bar fits into the groove	
as weight is obtained	
(S-158) Balance Bar and Balance Window	
Always ensure that the balance bar is floating freely and	
in the center of the window when upper/lower bars are	

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set on 0 and resident is not standing on scale			
If balance bar is off-center and/or touching the window			
when upper and lower bars are set on 0 and resident is			
not standing on scale, do not weigh resident and notify			
the nurse			
(S-159) Reading the Weight			
To determine weight: add the value for the lower bar to			
the value for the upper bar			
• 100 pounds + 38 pounds = 138 pounds			
TEACHING TIP #27AA: Video About the Physician			
Mechanical Beam Scale, Weight Portion			
Show video, Learning Tools: Reading Weight Measurements			
on a Physician Mechanical Beam Scale to reinforce			
components of and determining weight with the physician			
mechanical beam scale:			
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b6G88qVI3m8			
(S-160) Height Component – Head Piece			
Becomes active when extended upward in preparation			
for measuring the resident's height			
Lowered and placed on resident's head and height			
measured			
Becomes at rest when flat and low against height rod			
(S-161) Height Component – Rod			
2 Units of measure			
o Inches			
o Centimeters			
2 sections			
Movable upper section			
Non-movable lower section			
(S-162) Height Component – Rod			
Movable upper section			
Raised or lowered to adjust to resident's height			
o "Read height here" area is the location of the weight			
value if resident's height is located in this section			
Numbers increase from top to bottom			
Non-movable lower section			
Height read in lower section if resident's height is			
located in this area			
Numbers increase from bottom to top (S-163) Measuring the Height			
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 When measuring in feet and inches using height rod Long lines represent inches 			
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Shorter lines represent ¼ inch each; increments			

Module AA – Measurement (Height and Weight)
include 1/4, 1/2, 3/4
Read height to the nearest ¼ inch
(S-164) Measuring the Height
How tall is the resident?
Resident's height is 68 inches
(S-165) Converting Inches into Feet and Inches
Resident's height is 68 inches
How does the nurse aide convert 68 inches to feet and
inches?
(S-166) Converting Inches into Feet and Inches
There are 12 inches in 1 foot
To convert inches to inches and feet, divide the number
of inches by 12
The quotient is the feet and the remainder (if there is
one) is the inches
(S-167) Height in Feet and Inches
Resident's height is 68 inches
How does the nurse aide convert 68 inches to feet and
inches?
o 1 foot = 12 inches
o Divide 68 inches by 12 inches
 Quotient = 5, remainder = 8 Answer = 5 feet, 8 inches
TEACHING TIP #28AA: Video About the Physician
Mechanical Beam Scale, Height Portion
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Show video, Learning Tools: Reading Height Measurements
on a Physician Mechanical Beam Scale with Height Rod to
reinforce components of and determining height with the
physician mechanical beam scale:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XeBhvbm5yrl
ACTIVITY #12AA: Weight and Height
Determine whether this activity will be used as an in-class
assignment, homework assignment, or as a quiz grade.
Distribute to students and instruct to use accordingly.

Handout #1AA Analog Watch

A watch that has moving hands and typically marked with numbers 1-12 Has an hour hand, minute hand, and second hand

The nurse aide uses the second hand to count respirations and pulse rate

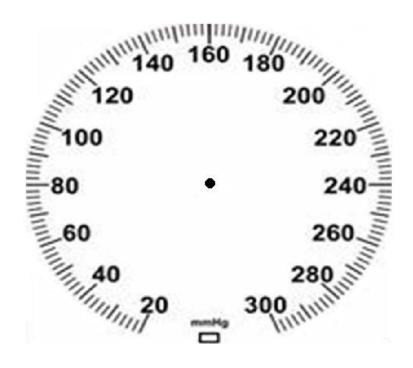


If you are counting respirations or pulse rate for 60 seconds, while watching the second hand, start counting and stop counting on the same number

Do not wait until the second hand lands on the 12 to start counting. Just remember which number you started with when you count.

Number Start	Number Stop	Number Start	Number Stop
1	1	7	7
2	2	8	8
3	3	9	9
4	4	10	10
5	5	11	11
6	6	12	12





- Long lines mark 10 mm Hg
- Short lines mark 2 mm Hg

If the needle lands between 2 lines at the point that the systolic sound is heard or the sound is no longer heard (diastolic), then the number value is rounded up to the next 2 mm Hg; odd numbers are not recorded/reported when using a manual BP cuff

When checking a blood pressure, you will be watching the needle as it drops from a higher number to a lower number, so you will be counting backwards.

Measured in millimeters of mercury (mm Hg),

Recorded as a fraction

120 (systolic)80 (diastolic)

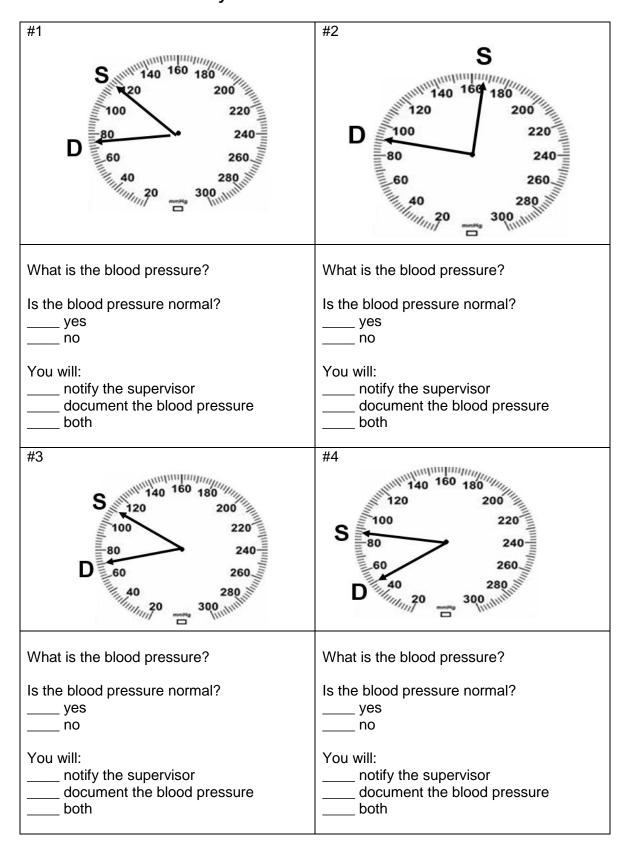
Pronounced "120 over 80"

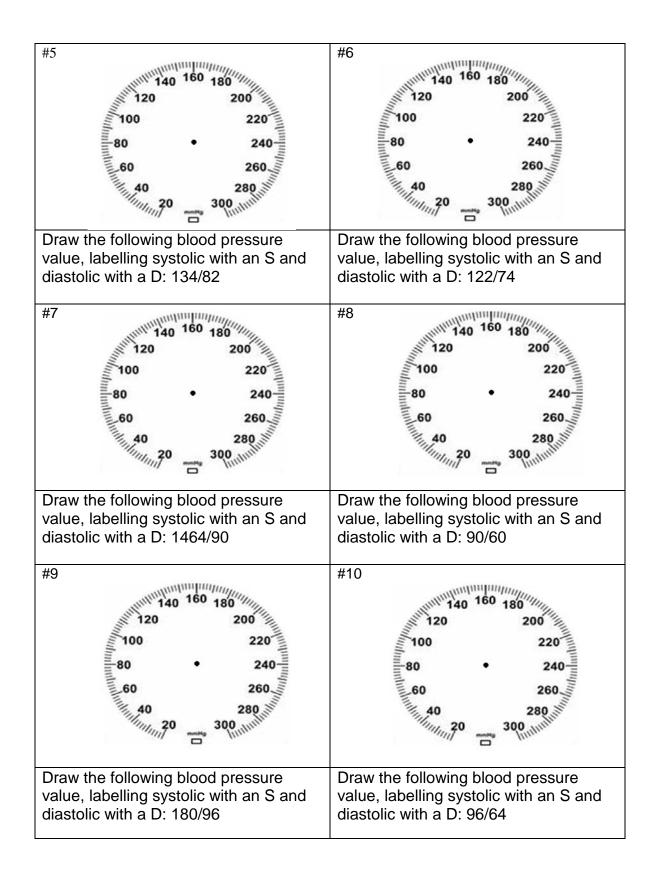
ACTIVITY #2AA Blood Pressure and Factors of Select Examples of People

For numbers 1-4, write specific information for each example. For numbers 5-14, place a check if the specific factor applies to the example. If a factor is not included in the description of the example, imply that it is not present.

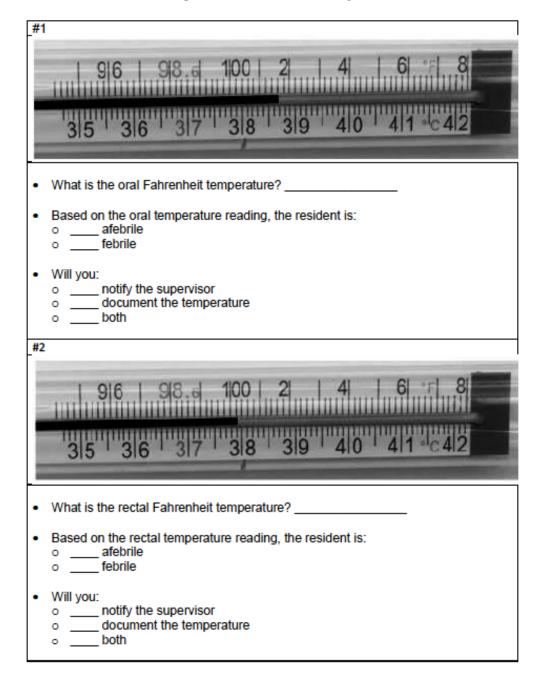
Specific Factors	Example #1	Example #2	Example #3
4 Blood process			
1. Blood pressure			
2. Age			
3. Gender			
4. Weight			
5. Lying down now?			
6. Exercising now?			
7. Smokes?			
8. Drinks alcohol?			
9. Overweight?			
10. High salt diet?			
11. Stressed now?			
12. Anxious now?			
13. Injured now?			
14. Pain now?			

Activity #5AA Aneroid Blood Pressure

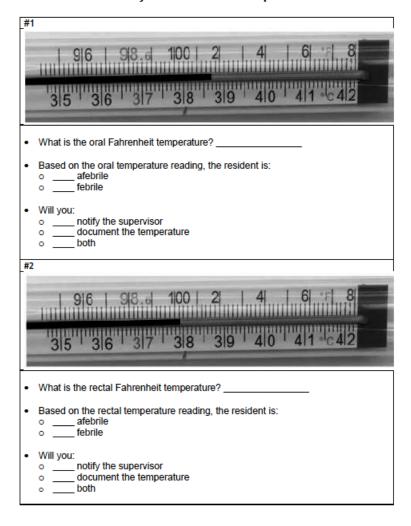




Activity #7AA Fahrenheit Temperature



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Activity #9AA Intake Calculations

Using the following serving sizes of containers common in health care facilities, determine intake for the fluids listed below. Use fractions.

 Water glass = 240 mL 	Coffee cup = 240 mL
Tea glass = 180 mL	 Soft drink can = 360 mL
 Juice glass = 120 mL 	Gelatin = 120 mL
 Milk carton = 240 mL 	Soup bowl = 180 mL

Located on Meal Tray	Show Fraction Here	Intake in mL
The resident drank 1/2 of his orange juice. How many mL of orange juice did the resident drink?		
The resident ate 1/3 of his tomato soup. How many mL of soup did the resident eat?		
The resident drank 2/3 of his coffee. How many mL of coffee did the resident drink?		
The resident ate 3/4 of his gelatin. How many mL of gelatin did the resident drink?		
The resident drank 1/4 of his tea. How many mL of tea did the resident drink?		

Using the following serving sizes of containers common in health care facilities, determine intake for the fluids listed below. Use clean, labelled graduate to measure.

 Water glass = 240 mL 	Coffee cup = 240 mL
Tea glass = 180 mL	 Soft drink can = 360 mL
 Juice glass = 120 mL 	Gelatin = 120 mL
 Milk carton = 240 mL 	Soup bowl = 180 mL

Located on Meal Tray	Show Subtraction Here	Intake in mL
The resident drank part of his orange juice. The nurse aide measured 45 mL in graduate that resident didn't drink. How many mL of orange juice did the resident drink?		
The resident drank part of his coffee. The nurse aide measured 100 mL in graduate that resident didn't drink. How many mL of coffee did the resident drink?		
The resident drank most of his water. The nurse aide measured 80 mL in graduate that resident didn't drink. How many mL of water did the resident drink?		

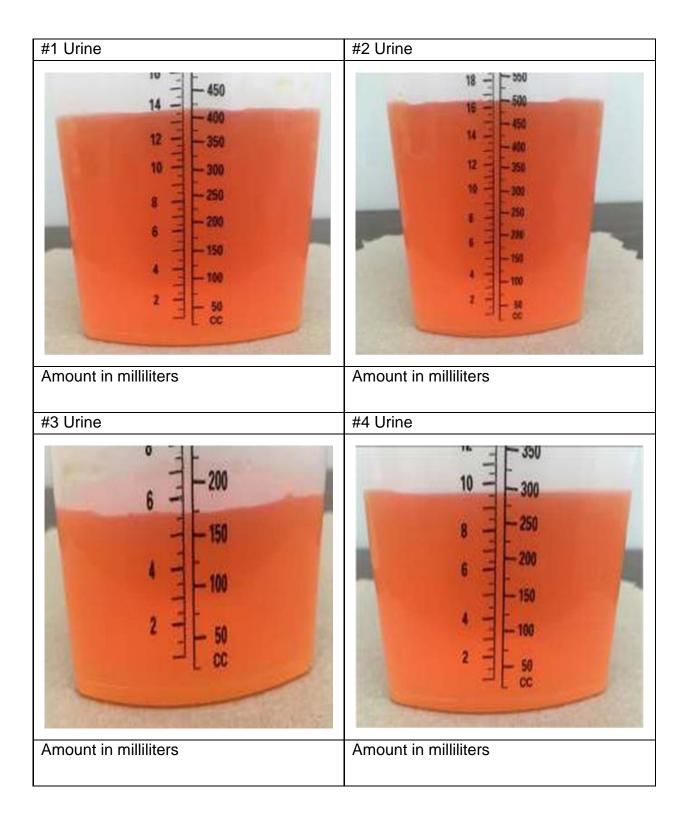
Activity #10AA Let's Make a Chart

Using fractions, let's make a chart. The serving sizes of common containers found in health care facilities are listed along the side of the chart. The amounts of fluid drank/eaten are listed across the chart. You will write in the amount in mL that was drank in the appropriate box. I will do the first one for you. 1/4 of 120 mL was drank, which equals 30 mL. I did not include my work in the example, but you need to. Work out your fractions below.

Water glass = 240 mL	•	Coffee cup = 240 mL
Tea glass = 180 mL	•	Soft drink can = 360 mL
 Juice glass = 120 mL 	•	Gelatin = 120 mL
 Milk carton = 240 mL 	•	Soup bowl = 180 mL

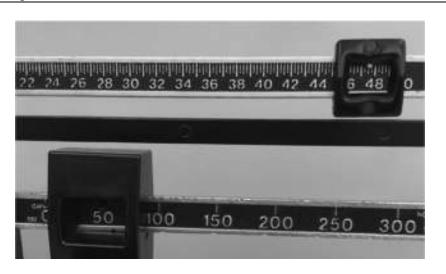
	1/4	1/2	3/4	1/3	2/3
120 mL	30 mL				
180 mL					
240 mL					
360 mL					

Activity #11AA Urine Output



Activity #12AA: Weight and Height

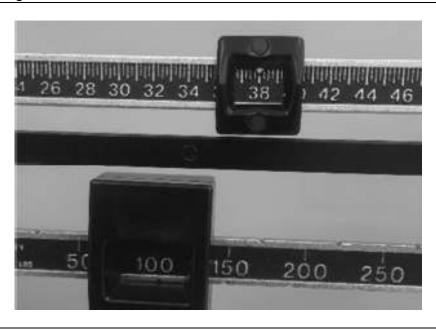
#1 Weight



Write the resident's weight in pounds.

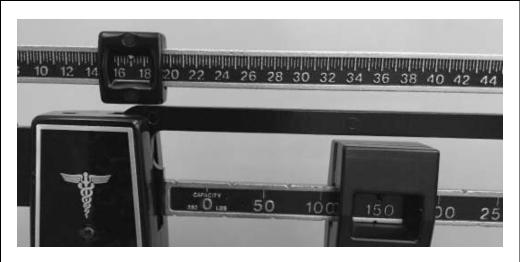
Show calculation:

#2 Weight



Write the resident's weight in pounds.

#3 Weight



Write the resident's weight in pounds.

Show calculation:

#4 Weight



Write the resident's weight in pounds.

#1 Height



Write the resident's height in inches _____

Write the resident's height in feet and inches

Show calculation:

#2 Height



Write the resident's height in inches _____

Write the resident's height in feet and inches _____

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Write the resident's height in inches _____

Write the resident's height in feet and inches _____

Show calculation:

#4 Height



Write the resident's height in inches _____

Write the resident's height in feet and inches _____