**CLINICAL NOTE**

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| **ASSESSMENTS**:  **MENTAL:** ☒Oriented ☐Fair ☒Forgetful ☒Confused at times ☒Anxious at times☐Depressed ☐Other  **INTEGUMENTARY**:  ☐Wound ☐ Decub Stage☐1☐2☐3☐4  ☐Infected ☐ Foul odor drainage  **EENT**: ☐Legally blind ☒ Impaired, blurred vision  ☐Epistaxis ☐Dysphagia ☒ HOH R/L  ☐Prone to aspiration  **RESPIRATORY**:SOB☐Rest ☒ Mod. Exertion ☐Cough ☐Productive ☐Non-productive Sputum Color: Amount:\_\_\_\_\_ ☒Lung Sound: diminished/  **clear**  O2\_\_\_\_LPM/**99%**  **MUSCULOSKELETAL**:  Stiff joints ☒Weakness ☒Limited ROM ☐Contractures ☐ Foot drop  ☐Unsteady balance ☒Other: uses **cane, walker**  **PAIN**: ☐No ☒Yes Location: **Lower Back, Bilateral Shoulders, Joints**  Intensity: pain scale **3/10**  ☐Sharp ☒Dull ☐Radiating ☐Burning  Controlled ☐No ☒Yes by rest/relaxation, repositioning, massage, diversion, and medication  **Tylenol 500 mg, 1 capsule by mouth every 6 hours as needed for pain**  **GASTROINTESTINAL**:  ☐Nausea ☐Vomiting ☐Diarrhea  ☐Constipation ☐Impaction ☐ Abd.Dist.  ☐Incontinent ☒Last BM:**04/01/25**  Appetite ☐Good ☒Fair ☐Poor  **Diet**: **NAS, Low fat, Low cholesterol**  **NEUROLOGICAL**:  ☐Aphasic ☐Slurred speech ☐Seizures  ☐Headache ☐Tremors ☐Vertigo  ☒PERRLA ☒Weakness R☐ L☐  **CARDIOVASCULAR**:  ☐Chest pain ☐Palpitations ☐Dizziness  Pedal pulses: ☒Present ☐Absent  Edema: ☒Pitting ☐Non-pitting ☐ Pacer.  ☒1+ ☐2+ ☐3+ ☐4+ ☐ Dependent  Location: ☒Pedal R/L ☐Dorsum R/L  **GENITOURINARY**:  ☒Incontinent ☐Frequency ☐Urgency  ☐Pain ☐Nocturia☐Burning☐Retention  ☐Catheter ☐Condom ☐IFC☐  **ENDOCRINE**:  ☐Weak ☐Diaphoretic ☐Polyuria  ☐DM II | **Vital Signs**: T- 98.9 F, HR- 100 bpm, RR - 19 per min BS mg/dl per patient/PCG F ☐ R ☒ Repeat **BP**: R / **L** Lying \_\_ Sitting 145/82 mm/Hg Standing Repeat Wight lbs.  **HOMEBOUND STATUS**: ☒Poor/Limited Endurance ☒ Poor/Limited Strength ☒ SOBOE ☒Poor Unsteady Gait ☒Requires Assist with ADL ☐ Unable to Negotiate Uneven Surfaces or Steps ☐ Medical Restrictions ☐Non-wt. bearing ☐Ambulates \_18-20\_ ft then requires rest/stop ☐Requires assist with transfer ☒Requires assistive device to ambulate ☒Confusion ☒Unable to leave home without assistance ☐Bedbound ☐Paralysis UE/LE/both ☒Requires assist to ambulate ☒Poor coordination or balance ☐Partial wt. bearing ☒ Others: requires considerable, taxing effort to leave home even with Caregiver assistance. Patient is using solid and stable objects to move around the house.  **CLINICAL PROBLEM(S) / KNOWLEDGE DEFICIT / NURSING DIAGNOSES**:  ***(Problems/Significant Findings)*** Altered status due to Primary osteoarthritis. Knowledge deficit regarding measures to control Primary osteoarthritis and the medication Pain Reliever Ointment Gel, apply topically to affected area 2 times daily as ordered by MD.  **INTERVENTIONS:** (Specific to problems identified and who was given the instructions.) SN admitted the patient for comprehensive skilled nursing assessment, observation and evaluation of all body systems. SN to assess vital signs, pain level. SN performed to check vital signs and scale pain (1-10) every visit. Check O₂ saturation level with signs and symptoms of respiratory distress. SN to evaluate therapeutic response to current/new medications and compliance to medication/diet regimen, home safety issues and psychosocial adjustment. Primary osteoarthritis is mostly related to aging. With aging, the water content of the cartilage increases and the protein makeup of cartilage degenerates. Repetitive use of joints over the years causes damage to the cartilage that leads to joint pain and swelling. Arm pain, depending on the location and cause, may be accompanied by numbness, redness, swelling, tenderness, or stiffness of the joints. The goal of treatment in osteoarthritis is to reduce joint pain and inflammation while improving and maintaining joint function. SN instructed Patient/PCG regarding the medication Pain Reliever Ointment Gel. This topical medication is used to relieve pain in the affected joints by applying it directly to the skin. SN advised Patient/PCG to apply Pain Reliever Ointment Gel, apply topically to affected area 2 times daily as ordered by MD.    **SAFETY MEASURES/INFECTION CONTROL MEASURES:**  ☒Bleeding precautions ☒Fall precautions ☒Clear pathways ☒Universal Precautions ☒911 protocol ☒Cane, walker Precautions  **PATIENT/PCG RESPONSE/PROGRESS TOWARDS TREATMENT/TEACHING/GOAL(S):**  ☒Verbalized fair understanding ☐Verbalized lack of understanding ☐Procedure(s) well tolerated ☐Return demonstration performed ☐Responding well to treatment ☒No side effects/ adverse reactions ☐Continues to have no willing/able/available PCG for injection(s)/treatment ☒Requires more instruction ☐BP/Pain decreased/increased ☒Patient has been identified with two forms of ID  ☐Other  **PLAN:** (for next visit): continue to implement plan of care as approved by PMD.  **COMMUNICATION**:☐MD ☐Supervisor ☐RN ☐PT ☐MSW ☐Other  Re:  **SN NAME: sd NEXT MD APPOINTMENT**  **SN SIGNATURE** **MR# 156-001**  **PATIENT DATE TIME IN/OUT**   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **FORD, HENRY** | **04/01/25** | **12:00** | |