

Gerontological Nursing Learning Activity Overview

Topic:	Medicine Cabinet Audit
Focus:	An assignment that explores the pathophysiology, pharmacology, and comprehensive assessment of an older adult client.
Benefit for students:	Opportunity to explore the complexities of pharmaceuticals and older adults through a hands-on experience
Brief Description:	Students work with an older adult and inventory their medicine cabinet, complete a nursing assessment, analyze the information obtained for potential and actual drug interactions, and develop a teaching plan.
Clinical Site:	Community based setting for older adults
Location in Curriculum/Type of Course:	Senior level student who has completed a pathophysiology and pharmacology course and is having a clinical experience with older adults in a community based setting.
Documents Included:	Medicine Cabinet Audit Template
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