**Title:**

General Survey

**Purpose of Assignment:**

Learning to make purposeful observations is an essential skill for a nurse. The general survey is the observation a nurse makes during the initial client interaction. The nurse must provide nonbiased, descriptive documentation of these observations.

**Course Competency:**

Identify the foundations of health assessment.

**Instructions:**

*Content:*

* Use the provided form as a guide to the information that should be collected.
* Short descriptive paragraph of findings. Remember, this is objective information, so only what you observe. Avoid stating why you know or think something is.
* Actual or potential risk factors for the client based on the assessment findings with description or reason for selection of them.

*Format:*

* Standard American English (correct grammar, punctuation, etc.)

**Resources:**

Bates video: <http://batesvisualguide.com.ezproxy.rasmussen.edu/MultimediaPlayer.aspx?multimediaid=6091198>) view to 2:35 minutes

**Grading Rubric:**

**General Survey Grading Rubric - 20 possible points**

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| **Levels of Achievement** | | | | |
| **Criteria** | **Emerging** | **Competence** | **Proficiency** | **Mastery** |
| **Documented Observations**  **(16 Pts)** | Addressed all three categories. Omitted more than half the requested information in each area. Subjective information detected. Bias or explanation for findings evident.  *Failure to address all three categories will result in zero points for this criterion.* | All three categories addressed. Sparse detail given in all areas. Answers majority of items as yes or no with little detail. Subjective information may be detected. | Addressed all three categories with more than one word responses to each question provided. No bias or explanation for findings evident. All objective information. | Clear detailed descriptions of observations in all three categories. No bias or explanation for findings evident. All objective information |
| Points: 11 | Points: 14 | Points: 15 | Points: 16 |
| **Actual or Potential Risk Factors**  **(4 pts)** | Lists one to two actual or potential risk factors for the client based on the assessment findings with no description or reason for selection of them. *Failure to provide any potential or actual risk factors will result in zero points for this criterion.* | Brief description of one or two actual or potential risk factors for the client based on assessment findings with description or reason for selection of them. | Limited description of two actual or potential risk factors for the client based on the assessment findings with description or reason for selection of them. | Comprehensive, detailed description of two actual or potential risk factors for the client based on the assessment findings with description or reason for selection of them. |
| Points: 1 | Points: 2 | Points: 3 | Points: 4 |