CNA READY CHECKS · VOCABULARY

Vocabulary *basics.*

Key words every CNA student should know. Chapter numbers point to where each word appears in your textbook.

Abuse — Ch 2, p 26
Purposeful mistreatment that causes physical, mental, emotional or financial pain or injury.

Acute — Ch 1
As it relates to medical care: 24–hour skilled care given in hospitals and ambulatory surgical centers for short-term, immediate illnesses or injuries.

Ambulation — Ch 11
The act of moving or walking, with or without an assistive device.

Arrhythmia — Ch 19
Irregular heartbeat.

Axilla — Ch 12
Underarm or armpit area.

Benign — Ch 17, 24
Noncancerous.

Brachial pulse — Ch 13
The pulse located inside the elbow, about 1 to 1½ inches above the elbow.

Brady (prefix)
Slow, decreased.

Bridge — Ch 12
A dental appliance that replaces missing or pulled teeth.

Chronic — Ch 1, p 3
Long-term, long-lasting.

Commode — Ch 15
A chair with a toilet seat and a removable container underneath, used for elimination.

CPR — Ch 8
Cardiopulmonary resuscitation; a medical procedure used when a person's heart and lungs have stopped working.

Critical thinking — Ch 3
Reasoning and analyzing to solve problems. For the nursing assistant, it means making careful observations and immediately reporting all potential problems.

Cyanosis — Ch 7
Blue or pale skin and/or mucous membranes due to decreased oxygen in the blood.

Dehydration — Ch 6
An excessive loss of water from the body; happens when fluid loss is greater than fluid intake.

Delegation — Ch 1
Assigning tasks to another person that are within their scope of practice.

Dementia — Ch 1, 22
The serious loss of mental abilities, such as thinking, remembering, reasoning and communicating.

Dentures — Ch 12
Artificial teeth.

Edema — Ch 3, 12
Swelling in body tissues caused by excess fluid.

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VOCABULARY, CONTINUED

Gait Ch 22, p 410
Walking style.

Hospice care Ch 27
Holistic, compassionate care given to people who have about six months or less to live.

Hyper (prefix)
Increased or high.

Hypo (prefix)
Decreased, lowered or slow.

Kilogram Ch 9
A unit of mass equal to 1,000 grams. One kilogram equals 2.2 pounds.

Malignant Ch 24
Cancerous.

Neglect Ch 2, p 27
Failure to provide necessary care or services, resulting in physical, mental or emotional harm to a person.

Objective Ch 3
Factual information collected using the senses of sight, hearing, smell and touch; also called signs.

Pathogen Ch 6
A microorganism capable of causing infection and disease.

Pound Ch 9
A unit of weight equal to 16 ounces.

Radial pulse Ch 13
The pulse on the inside of the wrist, where the radial artery runs just beneath the skin.

Respiration Ch 20
Inhaling air into the lungs and exhaling air out of the lungs.

Subjective Ch 3
Information collected from residents, their family members and friends. It may not be true, but it is what the person reported; also called symptoms.

Tachy (prefix)
Increased, fast.

Temporal Ch 13, p 234
At the forehead.

Tympanic Ch 13, p 234
Within or referring to the ear.

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