

### Assignment #1- (2 points)

Take a moment to reflect on your first week in the clinic. Take two issues, aspects, or situations that surprised you, were unexpected, or made you feel uncomfortable. Write about these issues in a one to two page paper. Make sure that your paper is either typed or printed but **DO NOT IDENTIFY YOURSELF**. I will collect the papers at the beginning of the next class.

**Assignment #2-** (4 points)- The goal of this exercise is to enable you to become more skilled at discussing patient diagnosis with different audiences.

Consider one patient who you are working with or observing in the clinic. You have been asked by a registered nurse who is working with your patient for a detailed description of the pt's diagnosis (it has been okayed by the pt). Please choose a diagnosis that we had discussed in any previous PTA Courses. Write in medical terminology how you would define the patient's diagnosis to the nurse. This task should be no longer than one page in length. Make sure that you use accepted medical terminology and medical abbreviations in your discussion.

Your patient's wife has now asked you to do the same. Please now write how you would describe the same diagnosis but now your description needs to be in lay terminology.(not medical terminology). Please keep your discussion no longer than one page in length.

**Assignment #3** (4 points) – The goal of this exercise is to enable you to become more skilled at discussing PT Interventions with different audiences.

Continuing with the same patient as the previous assignment now discuss the PT Interventions.. Again, this needs to be discussed with each of the two different audiences;

1. A registered nurse
2. A family member of the patient

The submission should be no longer than one page in length.

**Assignment #4** – (20 points) – The goal of this exercise is to continue to improve your skills in communication and to facilitate an ease of transition when talking to the medical community and the lay public. It is also meant to provide some self reflection.

Continue with the same patient and make all necessary corrections as noted on your paper. Now answer to the following:

Which method of communication was easier for you and why?

Why is it important to be able to make this transition? And

How could you help someone else to make the transition more easily and to feel more comfortable with both methods of communication?

What would you do differently if this were an actual clinical situation?