

CRITICAL THINKING ON SYMPTOMOLOGY

Objective: The student will critically think through each presented symptom and classify it according to system outline below and base it on an acuity rating.

Primary Classification (though several organs may be involved narrow down to the most likely condition or presentation symptom that would be included in a nclex style question)

Primary System or Specialty Involvement

- P= Pulmonary Symptom
- C= Cardiac Symptom
- R=Renal Symptom
- E=Endocrine Symptoms
- N-Neurological
- L-Labor Deliver Kids Maternal Health
- B-Behavioral Health
- I-Infection

Conceptual Focus

O- Oxygenation Related

B- Perfusion Related

S- Safety Related

M- Higher Maslow- (ie. Requiring education, teaching)

Acuity Rating

1- Stay in the room Urgent-Notfiy Provider

2- Intervention Needed

3- Assess Patient gather more Data

4- Anticipate Medication Being Ordered

5- Non Urgent

Complication- Main complication 3 word or less

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
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Abdominal distention				
Abdominal mass				
Abdominal pain				
Abdominal rigidity				
Accessory muscle use				
Agitation				
Alopecia				
Amenorrhea				
Amnesia				
Analgesia				
Anhidrosis				
Anorexia				
Anosmia				
Anuria				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
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Anxiety				
Aphasia (dysphasia)				
Apnea				
Apneustic respirations				
Apraxia				
Arm pain				
Ascites				
Asterixis (liver flap, flapping tremor)				
Ataxia				
Athetosis				
Aura				
Babinski reflex				
Back pain				
Barrel chest				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Battle sign				
Biot respirations				
Bladder distention				
Blood pressure decrease				
Blood pressure increase				
Bowel sounds (absent, silent)				
Bowel sounds (hyperactive)				
Bowel sounds (hypoactive)				
Bradycardia				
Bradypnea				
Breast dimpling				
Breast nodule				
Breast pain				
Breast ulcer				
Breath odor (ammonia)				
Breath odor (fecal)				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Breath odor (fruity)				
Brudzinski sign				
Bruit				
Buffalo hump				
Butterfly rash				
Café-au-lait spots				
Capillary refill time (increased)				
Carpopedal spasm				
Cat's cry				
Chest expansion (asymmetrical)				
Chest pain				
Cheyne-Stokes respirations				
Chills				
Chorea				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Chvostek sign				
Clubbing				
Cogwheel rigidity				
Cold intolerance				
Confusion				
Conjunctival injection				
Constipation				
Corneal reflex (absent)				
Costovertebral angle tenderness				
Cough (barking)				
Cough (nonproductive)				
Cough (productive)				
Crackles				
Crepitation (bony)				
Crepitation (subcutaneous)				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Cry (high-pitched, cerebral)				
Cyanosis				
Decerebrate posture				
Decorticate posture				
Deep tendon reflexes (hyperactive)				
Deep tendon reflexes (hypoactive)				
Delirium				
Depression				
Diaphoresis				
Diarrhea				
Diplopia				
Dizziness				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Doll's eye reflex (absent)				
Drooling				
Dysarthria				
Dysmenorrhea				
Dyspareunia				
Dyspepsia				
Dysphagia				
Dyspnea				
Dystonia				
Dysuria				
Earache				
Edema (arm)				
Edema (face)				
Edema (generalized)				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Edema (leg)				
Enophthalmos				
Enuresis (nocturnal)				
Epistaxis				
Erectile dysfunction				
Eructation				
Erythema				
Exophthalmos				
Eye discharge				
Eye pain				
Facial pain				
Fasciculations				
Fatigue				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Fecal incontinence				
Fetor hepaticus				
Fever				
Flank pain				
Flatulence				
Fontanel (bulging)				
Fontanel depression				
Footdrop				
Gag reflex abnormalities				
Gait (bizarre)				
Gait (propulsive)				
Gait (scissors)				
Gait (spastic)				
Gait (steppage)				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Gait (waddling)				
Gallop, atrial (S4)				
Gallop, ventricular (S3)				
Genital lesions (male)				
Gum bleeding				
Gum swelling				
Gynecomastia				
Halitosis				
Halo vision				
Headache				
Hearing loss				
Heat intolerance				
Heberden nodes				
Hematemesis				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Hematochezia				
Hematuria				
Hemianopsia				
Hemoptysis				
Hepatomegaly				
Hiccups				
Hirsutism				
Hoarseness				
Homans sign				
Hyperpigmentation				
Hyperpnea				
Hypopigmentation				
Insomnia				
Intermenstrual bleeding				

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Intermittent claudication				
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Janeway lesions				
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Jaundice				
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Jaw pain				
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Jugular vein distention				
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Kehr sign				
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Kernig sign				
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Leg pain				
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Level of consciousness (decreased)				
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Lid lag				
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Light flashes				
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Low birth weight				
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Lymphadenopathy				
Masklike facies				
McBurney sign				
McMurray sign				
Melena				
Menorrhagia				
Miosis				
Moon facies				
Mouth lesions				
Murmurs				
Muscle atrophy				
Muscle flaccidity				
Muscle spasms				
Muscle spasticity				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Muscle weakness				
Mydriasis				
Myoclonus				
Nasal flaring				
Nasal obstruction				
Nausea				
Neck pain				
Night blindness				
Nipple discharge				
Nipple retraction				
Nocturia				
Nuchal rigidity				
Nystagmus				
Ocular deviation				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Oligomenorrhea				
Oliguria				
Opisthotonos				
Orofacial dyskinesia				
Orthopnea				
Orthostatic hypotension				
Ortolani sign				
Osler nodes				
Otorrhea				
Pallor				
Palpitations				
Papular rash				
Paralysis				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Paresthesia				
Paroxysmal nocturnal dyspnea				
Peau d'orange				
Pericardial friction rub				
Peristaltic waves (visible)				
Photophobia				
Pleural friction rub				
Polydipsia				
Polyphagia				
Polyuria				
Postnasal drip				
Priapism				
Pruritus				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Psoas sign				
Psychotic behavior				
Ptosis				
Pulse (absent or weak)				
Pulse (bounding)				
Pulse pressure (narrowed)				
Pulse pressure (widened)				
Pulse rhythm (abnormal)				
Pulsus alternans				
Pulsus bisferiens				
Pulsus paradoxus				
Pupils (nonreactive)				
Pupils (sluggish)				
Purple striae				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Purpura				
Pustular rash				
Pyrosis				
Raccoon eyes				
Rebound tenderness				
Rectal pain				
Respirations (grunting)				
Respirations (shallow)				
Respirations (stertorous)				
Retractions (costal and sternal)				
Rhinorrhea				
Rhonchi				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Romberg sign				
Salivation (decreased)				
Salivation (increased)				
Salt craving				
Scotoma				
Scrotal swelling				
Seizures (focal aware)				
Seizures (focal with impaired awareness)				
Seizures (generalized absence)				
Seizures (generalized tonic-clonic)				
Setting sun sign				
Skin (bronze)				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Skin (clammy)				
Skin (mottled)				
Skin (scaly)				
Skin turgor (decreased)				
Spider angioma				
Splenomegaly				
Stools (clay-colored)				
Stridor				
Syncope				
Tachycardia				
Tachypnea				
Taste abnormalities				
Tearing (increased)				
Throat pain				
Thyroid enlargement				

SYMPTOM	Primary	Concept	Acuity	Complication
Tics				
Tinnitus				
Tracheal deviation				
Tracheal tugging				
Tremors				
Trismus				
Tunnel vision				
Uremic frost				
Urethral discharge				
Urinary frequency				
Urinary hesitancy				
Urinary incontinence				
Urinary urgency				
Urine cloudiness				
Urticaria				
Vaginal bleeding				

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Vaginal discharge				
Venous hum				
Vertigo				
Vesicular rash				
Violent behavior				
Vision loss				
Visual blurring				
Visual floaters				
Vomiting				
Vulvar lesions				
Weight gain (excessive)				
Weight loss (excessive)				
Wheezing				
Wrist drop				