

Promotional: Clostridioides difficile: Information for Nursing Assistants

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Requirements:

For successful completion of this educational activity and receipt of 0.5 contact hour(s), the learner must:

1. Participate in 30 minutes of continuous learning.
2. Complete a quiz with a minimum score of 85%.
3. Complete an evaluation form.

Educational activity description:

It is important that nursing assistants be knowledgeable about infectious diseases common in the long-term care setting in order to recognize, report, and take actions to prevent spread. This learning activity will explore Clostridioides difficile, common among older adults in healthcare settings and the role of the nursing assistant when working with individuals with this infection.

Target audience:

The target audience for this educational activity is nursing assistants in the home health setting and other interested learners.

Learning outcome:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to demonstrate knowledge about Clostridioides difficile by passing a quiz with 85% or greater accuracy.

Learning objectives:

At the completion of this educational activity, the learner will be able to:

1. Identify three (3) symptoms of Clostridioides difficile.
2. Identify the three (3) types of stool that should be collected by nursing assistants.
3. Identify three (3) precautions that should be taken to prevent the spread of Clostridioides difficile.

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Mrs. Miller received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Jacksonville University (JU) in Jacksonville Florida in 1993. She has experience with skin care management in pediatric and adult populations. This experience was acquired while working in the specialized field of Wound Care Nursing in a Long-Term Acute Care Facility and in Acute Care Health Systems that served both pediatric and adult patients. As a Certified Wound Care Nurse (CWCN), Mrs. Miller taught skin and wound care in orientation classes in the facilities where she worked. She also served as a Guest Lecturer at her Alma Mater (JU) and at Florida Community College, Jacksonville. Mrs. Miller's personal goal is to help equip medical staff with the knowledge base and practical skills that will enable them to deliver the best care possible to their patients, clients, and residents.

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