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**NU6084 Physical Assessment for Nursing Practice**

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**NU6084 Repeat Assignment June 2019**

You are required to conduct and document 3 physical examination case studies on patients in your clinical practice areas (please read the note below). These physical examinations may incorporate one or more body systems depending on the patients presenting complaint.

**Please Note:** The case study presentation (i.e. the patients you examined in the CSSRC on the 18th October 2018) and case study notes provided to you on the same day in preparation for the original assignment set are to be used for this repeat assignment.

The completed physical examination case studies are to be submitted to G03, Brookfield Health Sciences Complex on: **31st July, 12 midday.**

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| **NU6084** | **3 Case Studies** | **100marks**  |

**Guidelines for each individual case study:**

* Include a complete health history and a history of presenting complaint. This information can be obtained through interviewing the patient along with using medical and nursing notes.
* Demonstrate and document a systematic and logical approach to physical examination.
* Provide rationale for inclusion of systems surrounding why you conducted the exam. You should use relevant and recent references to support your suggested practices or interventions.
* Demonstrate critical thinking by providing rational for further investigations and how these may inform patient’s plan of care.
* Refer to any clinical signs/early warning signs of deterioration that became apparent through your assessment.
* Detail the treatment plan that should be initiated to optimise the outcome for the patient, supported by current best practice guidelines.
* All assignments must be typed and submitted as per student guidelines. Use the student handbook for guidance on writing and referencing <http://www.ucc.ie/en/nursingmidwifery/StudentServices/StudentHandbook/>
* Please submit to G03 of the School of Nursing and Midwifery as per assessment grid.

Please refer to the Student Handbook for School policy in relation to the following:

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**MARKING GUIDE:**

* **Provides a detailed health history and history of presenting complaint**
* **Provides a comprehensive systematic and logical physical examination of a system(s).**
* **Demonstrates an understanding of physical examination findings.**
* **Details a treatment plan for the patient**
* **Discusses the role of the nurse in the assessment and implementation of interventions**
* **Demonstrates good use of relevant and recent supporting evidence.**
* **Demonstrates good quality writing, spelling, structure and grammar.**
* **Demonstrates accurate and complete referencing**

**Note: This assignment will, by its nature, be descriptive. There will be however scope for discursive writing showing skills of analysis and critique.**