

Scenario Overview

Henry Williams - Part 3 Transition to Assisted Living Apartment

This scenario is part of the Henry Williams Unfolding Case. The scenario can be used as a standalone scenario or as part 3 of the case.

Target groups: Nursing students

Estimated scenario time: 20 minutes

Estimated debriefing time: 20 minutes

The Unfolding Case

Henry Williams is a 69-year-old African American, a retired rail system engineer who lives in a small apartment with his wife Ertha. Henry and Ertha had one son who was killed in the war 10 years ago. They have a daughter-in-law, Betty, who is a nurse, and one grandson, Ty. Henry is concerned about Ertha because she is experiencing frequent memory lapses.

The simulation scenarios focus on the physical and psychosocial changes that Henry encounters over the next few weeks. His failing health and his concern for his increasingly forgetful wife lead him through various transitions that affect his family and his living situation. The objectives focus on assessment and appropriate use of assessment tools such as SPICES, the Geriatric Depression Scale, the Modified Caregiver Strain Index, Transitional Care Model (TCM): Hospital Discharge Screening Criteria for High Risk Older Adults, Katz Independent Living Index in Activities of Daily Living and the General Anxiety Disorder 7 (GAD-7). The objectives also focus on psychosocial issues with Henry's wife and their daughter-in-law's concern for their living arrangements, the proper use of the SBAR tool, and making appropriate community referrals.

Brief Summary of Present Scenario

This scenario takes place 10 days after Henry was transferred to the rehabilitation center. He is now awaiting discharge from the rehabilitation center. He received pulmonary rehabilitation including education on how to pace himself, how to take his medications, when to do his breathing treatments and when to contact the doctor. This scenario will include information about how Henry, Ertha, and the family have been dealing with the changes in their health and living situation. Betty reveals that she had difficulty dealing with Ertha during the time she stayed with her, but believes things will be fine once Henry and Ertha are together again. She will take them to their assisted living apartment.

The scenario is designed to be a care conference that includes all disciplines from the nursing home rehabilitation center as well as Henry, Ertha, and Betty. The students should review discharge orders from the rehabilitation center, address safety concerns, assess the need for help with medications, and educate about available support resources. The assessment tools recommended for this scenario include the Transitional Care Model (TCM): Hospital Discharge Screening Criteria for High Risk Older Adults, and the Katz Independent Living Index in Activities of Daily Living.