**RNSG 2371**

**Concept-Based Transition to Professional Nursing Practice**

**Concept – GRIEF**

**Concept Definition**

Grief is the multifaceted reaction to loss whether real or perceived and how this impacts health.

**Exemplars** Job Loss

Terminal Illness

**Objectives**

1. Explain the concept of Grief (including definition, antecedents, and attributes).
2. Analyze conditions which place a patient at risk for grief.
3. Identify stages of grief.
4. Discuss exemplars of common grief disorders.
5. Apply the nursing process (including collaborative interventions) for individuals experiencing grief and promote mental wellness.

**Concept Analysis Diagram**

Note: Diagram on separate page.

Explanation of Grief Diagram

 Grief is a multifaceted response to an emotional experience of loss. The loss may be actual, perceived or anticipated and could involve people, objects, abilities or roles. How well one is currently functioning and how many resources one has will determine the grief response. It is hoped that one would find a positive consequence or outcome from grief such as “happy” memories, development of endowments or adjustment to the new “normal” of life but it is also possible to have a negative consequence such as physical pains, emotional instability or inabilities to move forward. Every person experiences grief at some point in a lifetime; nursing care is focused at assisting persons to acknowledge loss, respond in a positive manner, progress through the stages of grief and use available resources.

**Assignments**

**Prior to class:**

1. Review definitions of inter-rated concepts on concept analysis diagram.

 2. Review concept analysis diagram.

 3. Review assigned reading:

* Berman, A. & Snyder, S. (2012). *Kozier & Erb’s Fundamentals of Nursing*.

 Boston: Pearson.

* Chapter 43: Loss, Grieving, and Death
* Lewis, S.L., Heitkemper, M.M., Dirksen, S.R., O’Brien, P.G., & Bucher, L.

 (2014). *Medical surgical nursing* (9th ed). St. Louis: Mosby Elsevier.

* Chapter 10: Palliative Care at End of Life

4. Internet and Video resources to review:

* Grief is a normal and natural process

<http://www.mentalhelp.net/poc/view_doc.php?type=doc&id=8442&cn=58>

* Stages of Grief by Elisabeth Kubler-Ross

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9wfw9YSbRGo>

 Denial <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_vfwkeHryi8>

Anger <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZOInAtB3cjk>

Bargaining <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Q7obkOgxNhQ>

Depression <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pSSSxik__HI>

 Acceptance <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jBxelEotAZU>

**Concept Content Outline:**

Concept: **Grief**

Sub Concepts: Natural Resilience

 Vulnerability

 Stages of Grief

 Loss, mourning, bereavement

Antecedents: Actual loss

 Perceived loss,

 Anticipatory loss

Risk Factors: Significance of the loss

 No experience or poor past experiences

 An actual or perceived lack of control over the situation

 An actual or perceived lack of support/resources

 Impaired cognition

 Deterioration in health or chronic health conditions

Assessment: Comprehensive history

 Physical assessment

 Physical and psychological clinical manifestations

 Diagnostic exams

Positive Outcomes:

 Acceptance

 Rebuilding of Support Systems

 Resolution

 Memorialization

Negative Outcomes:
 Physiological

 Psychological

 Clinical Management:

 Nursing interventions

 Collaborative interventions

 Pharmacological therapy

Exemplars: Job Loss

 Terminal Illness

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