

A CNA working on your team has just given you report on an elderly patient that he/she ambulated to the bathroom and back to bed. The pt's respirations increased to 34 and heart rate to 116 during this ambulation.

These changes are major defining characteristics for what nsg diagnosis?

- a. pneumonia
- b. poor training of CNA
- c. activity intolerance
- d. risk for aspiration

Do you know what "major defining characteristics" are and what place they occupy in the 3 Part or Actual Nsg Dx process?

An "actual" nursing diagnosis:

- a. is also known as a (2) part nsg dx
- b. is also known as a (3) part nsg dx
- c. identifies risk factors for illness
- d. has no signs & symptoms or defining characteristics