

CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING

Think about what you plan to do and answer the following questions.

1. Are You Qualified /Authorized?

- Allowed by Nurse Practice Act, policies, procedures, and job description?
- Allowed by instructor or supervisor?
- Have the required knowledge, skill, experience?
- Passed competency tests, if needed?
- Accept accountability for response/outcome(s)?

2. Is it Safe, Reasonable, & Prudent?

- Clarified desired outcomes (benefits)?
- Assessed patient --- still indicated?
- Included patient/family in decision-making?
- Checked for contradictions?
- Identified possible harmful patient responses & minimized risks?
- Planned for "What if ___ happens?"
- Planned for safety, privacy, & comfort?
- Considered ethical implications?

NO to any question under #1 or #2



STOP!

Get Help
Activate Chain of Command

YES to all questions under #1 and #2



GO!

Perform Act or Intervention