Discussion Questions for Transition to Nursing Home: Educational DVD, Part I

1. What are some barriers to effective planning for patient discharge to a nursing home?

2. How might we improve communication for discharge planning between health care professionals within the hospital setting?

3. What are possible outcomes that can result from ineffective discharge planning for patients moving to a nursing home?

4. Describe an ideal transition for a patient leaving a hospital for a nursing home admission.

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1. Reasons for recommending nursing home care for an elderly person after a hospitalization include all of the following except:
   a) bladder or bowel incontinence
   b) family support at home has decreased
   c) rapid physical decline
   d) difficulty getting to physician appointments *

2. The older person facing admission to a nursing home is more likely to adjust to the move if:
   a) there are guarantees of a physically pleasing setting
   b) the nurse to resident ratio is at least 15 to 1
   c) he/she has involvement in the decision making process* 
   d) there is always the option of going home

3. The best way to help family members who are experiencing guilt, anger, anxiety, or other strong emotions over their decision to place the older relative in a nursing home is to:
   a) listen empathically to their concerns and feelings* 
   b) refer them to their clergy or spiritual advisors
   c) tell them that they are making the best decision
   d) assure them that the nursing home care will be high quality

4. In addition to the case manager, the hospital professionals who may be responsible for communicating the patient’s discharge orders, functional status, medications, and other care needs to nursing home staff are:
   a) physical therapist, nurse manager, charge nurse
   b) discharge coordinator, social worker, or primary care nurse *
   c) rehabilitation specialist, charge nurse, primary care nurse
   d) physician, primary care nurse, social worker

5. Selection of a nursing home is:
   a) fairly easy since most provide the same services
   b) should usually be based on proximity to family’s residences
   c) done by the physician and discharge coordinator
   d) best if selected after on-site visit by family *

6. Communication between hospital and nursing home staff is often difficult for all of the following reasons except:
   a) time constraints
   b) discharging nurses are unfamiliar with the patient
   c) few nurses in nursing homes have worked in hospitals *
   d) nursing home nurses have less access to specialized services
7. The primary purpose of a careful review of the discharge plan is to
   a) assure the financial status is adequate for payment for nursing home care
   b) complete all acute care
   c) communicate discharge orders, functional status and medications *
   d) order additional ancillary services

8. A difference between hospital and nursing home care is
   a) a lack of licensed care providers in the nursing home
   b) private rooms are only in hospitals
   c) there are no food choices in the nursing home
   d) physicians are not available daily in nursing homes  *