

# NCLEX® ALTERNATIVE FORMAT ITEMS

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## Alternate Item Format

- Fill-in-the-Blank (Calculation)
- Multiple Response (all that apply)
- Hot Spot items ( identify area on picture)
- Drag & Drop/Ordered response
- Chart/Exhibit (requires chart to answer)
- Graphic Options ( graphic answer rather than text)
- Audio (requires headphones)

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Place in the correct order nurse interventions for a client with congestive heart failure who develops pink frothy sputum, coarse crackles, and restlessness.

1. Check the client's I&O record
  2. Place the client in high fowlers
  3. Auscultate lung fields to evaluate air flow
  4. Contact the physician to request an order for furosemide (Lasix)
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  - (4) Contact the physician for Lasix

Select the correct procedures for following standard precautions. **Select all that apply**

1. Wear a face shield when entering the room.
2. Wear gloves when coming in contact with body fluid.
3. Place the client in a private room that has negative air pressure in relation to the surrounding area.
4. Discard used needles in trash.
5. Avoid contact if nurse has an exudative lesion.



Multiple response. Select all that apply.

- There are five–six possible answer options.
- At least two options will be correct.
- There will be at least one wrong.



## POINT AND CLICK

- Use a chest and ask where to feel the PMI when the client has had CHF for 2 months.
- Use a torso and ask to identify where the 11<sup>th</sup> cranial nerve should be tested.
- Use an infant and ask where to administer immunizations.

## FILL IN THE BLANK

How much intake did the client have during this shift?

3 oz. apple juice

1/2 cup of a grapefruit

1 cup of chicken broth

350 ml of 0.45 sodium chloride IV

5 oz. of water

Write only the numbers in the box.

\_\_\_\_\_ ml

## answer

➤ 3 oz. of apple juice	90 ml
➤ 5 oz. of water	150 ml
➤ 1 cup of chicken broth	240 ml
➤ 350 ml of IV Fluid	350 ml
➤ Total	830 ml

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exhibit

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## Chart /exhibit format

### ➤ Items have 3 tabs:

- Prescriptions
- History & Physical
- Laboratory Results
- Miscellaneous Reports
- Imaging Results
- Flow Sheets
- Intake and Output
- Medication Administration Record
- Progress Notes
- Vital Signs

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Exhibit

## TAB 1

Vital sign report:

HR = 100 beats/min

BP = 98/68

RR = 20

Pulse ox = 94 % RA



## Tab 2

- **Chem stat results**
    - Sodium = 138 meq/L
    - Potassium = 4.0 meq/L
    - BUN = 28
    - Creatinine = 2.7
    - Glucose = 100 mg/dl
- \*Lab note—trough due tomorrow

## Tab 3

Urine output = 400 ml over past 8 hours

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**Graphic item**

In this item type, you will be presented with a question and options that are graphics instead of text. The options are preceded by circles so you can select only one option as your answer.

Which road sign indicates a place where an airport may be found?

1. 
2. 
3. 
4. 

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## What you may see!

- “Any item formats, including standard multiple-choice items, may include multimedia, charts, tables or graphic, sound and video.”

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