

OCCUPATIONAL ENGLISH TEST

WRITING SUB-TEST: NURSING

TIME ALLOWED: **READING TIME:** 5 MINUTES
WRITING TIME: 40 MINUTES

Read the case notes below and complete the writing task which follows.

Notes:

You are a charge nurse working in the surgical ward of Minehead General Hospital. A patient, Marjorie Mellors, has been admitted to your ward following an accident in which she was knocked down by a mobility scooter.

Patient:	Marjorie Mellors
Age:	77
Marital status:	Widow
Residence:	81 Lavender Lane, Minehead
Next of kin:	One son, Henry, with two teenage children, lives nearby.
Admission date:	10.05.2018
Discharge date:	14.05.2018
Past medical history:	Osteoporosis (T-score: -2.8) – (Calcitonin). Hysterectomy (2001). No allergies.
Social background:	Patient lives alone, frequent visits from son (who will see to insurance following accident). Neighbours helpful. Was intending to transfer to Primrose Retirement Home in October. Fairly active, walks regularly, sociable and cheerful. Often forgets to take medication.
Admissions diagnosis:	Multiple leg injuries (cuts and bruises). Closed Colles' fracture of right radius.

Medical treatment record: Leg injuries treated.
Surgery (11.05.2018): open reduction internal fixation (ORIF) distal radius R wrist.

Medical progress (13.05.2018):
Good progress.
Post-op R wrist X-ray.
Post-op bloods (within normal limits).
Wrist wound – stitches – cold compress.
Analgesia (Naproxen).

Nursing Management: Observations: T,P,R,BP (all within normal limits).
Wound care and monitoring.
Leg dressings changed regularly (now removed).
ADL assistance.

Medications: Naproxen 500 mg 1 tab orally b.i.d. as required.
IV cefuroxime.

Discharge plan: Current medical situation → earlier transfer to retirement home (arranged by social worker), to move on 14.05.2018.
Referral letter to retirement home.
Pt instructed on:
- applying Medihoney ointment x 2 day to wound area on legs.
- analgesia as required.
Needs help with ADLs (showering, dressing etc.), keep wrist dressing clean and dry.
Physiotherapy to follow - achieve full motion (AROM) of fingers, wrist, forearm.
Encouragement to carry out ADLs independently.
Patient discharge education:
- Physiotherapy outpatients x 3 week (from 15.05.2018).
- No lifting.
- 9 days post-op stitches removal (20.05.2018) at Orthopaedic Outpatients (son or Home staff to accompany pt.).

Writing task:

Using the information given in the case notes, write a referral letter to Mrs Jackson, resident Warden at Primrose Retirement Home, High Street, Minehead.

In your answer:

- **expand the relevant notes into complete sentences**
- **do not use note form**
- **use letter format**

The body of the letter should be approximately 180-200 words.