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FW Evaluation & Summary

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During my time at St. Mary's Hospital doing my Level I Fieldwork for the adult/geriatric semester, I learned so much about the setting, different conditions, and what occupational therapists can provide. I was introduced to many conditions relating to strokes, COPD, MI, and gastrointestinal issues. On multiple occasions, I was placed in the ICU with an occupational therapist and a physical therapist for an evaluation of a stroke patient. He presented with right-sided weakness, and his appearance was tired-looking, with his head tilted downward throughout the session. I introduced myself and asked if he knew why we were here. He was very considerate of my presence, being that I was a student, and allowed me to work on whatever I needed to for my evaluation of his condition, thus far. I assessed his orientation, ROM, MMT, sensation, and vision. I also asked him questions about his home setup and social life. I felt this was important to understand because his overall goal was to go back home with his wife. At this point in the session, it was time to get him to the EOB and see how dependent he was in this aspect. He was able to position himself on the edge of the bed with moderate assistance, but when prompted to stand up, he was unable to on his own. The occupational therapist and physical therapist attempted to do a 2-person assist transfer, but all his weight was being placed on the right side of his body, displaying a balance deficit. In this case, we grabbed a Sara Steady to move him to the chair where we safely seated him. We made sure he was comfortable and had access to his call bell.

