## ATI Nurse Logic Strategies from Module:

Test Items: Two Components

Stem – Initial narrative

**Options** – Answer choices

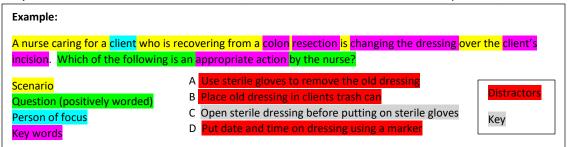
Stem contains: The scenario, the question, the person of focus, and key words

Scenarios – Describes situation, provides context and data, and is generally the first part of the question

*Questions – 3 types*: **positively worded** (option that correctly answers the question; there would most likely be 3 incorrect choices and only 1 correct choice), **negatively worded** (seeking out the incorrect action; there would most likely be 3 correct actions and only 1 incorrect action which is the correct answer; example: "Which of the following actions by the nurse indicates a need for further teaching?"), or **priority setting** (determining the best or highest priority; there would be 4 correct actions and you would need to determine the action to be done first)

*Person of focus* – Person who is involved in the care including a client, family member, community/group, or another nurse. **Note:** clients are generic unless their gender or age influences the correct answer.

Key words – Critical information in stem, are in both the scenario and the question,



## Options contain: the distractors and the key

Distractors - Incorrect option that distract from the correct answer

*Key* – Correct or incorrect answer depending on if the question is positively or negatively stated **Strategies for Deduction:** Assign a coding system to the options

Plus sign (+) = Probably CorrectPositively wordedMinus sign (-) = Probably IncorrectPositively wordedQuestion mark (?) = Possibly Correct

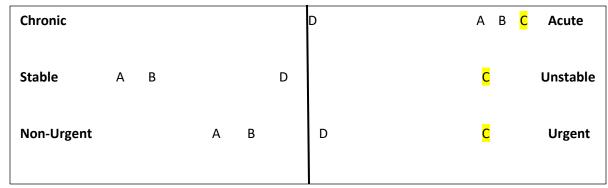
-Try to assign at least 2 (-) options, after eliminating, *do not go back* -Disregard options with a (-) sign; always go with a (+) sign

(+) and (?) = 1 Probably Correct
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-With negatively worded questions: Look for the options that describe an incorrect statement or action

(-) = Probably Correct
(+) = Probably Incorrect
(?) = Possibly Incorrect
\*\*(-) goes with the correct statement; you are seeking the wrong statement

## **ATI Delegation and Prioritization Framework Strategy**



Example: Who should be seen first? Look for the most acute, unstable, and urgent

- A. 48-year-old 2-day post op for back surgery with 5/10 pain
- B. 83-year-old client with pneumonia who will be discharged in the AM
- C. 22-year-old client with head injury who is confused and lethargic
- D. 64-year-old client with Diabetes Insipidus with a U.O. of 300 ML/HR

Assign priority according to the information provided, if there is not enough information provided, place it towards the middle.