Nursing Process and Documentation

**Nursing Process**

Public Health Nursing Practice Model

- **Assess:** Data collection: Subjective & Objective
  - Organize data
  - Validate data
  - Record data
  - Analyze data

- **Diagnose:** Clinical judgment determined by data
  - Validity: Review and validate diagnosis

- **ID Outcomes:** Establish goal
  - What would you like to see happen?

- **Plan:** Intermediate objectives
  - Behavioral changes

- **Implement:** Process objectives
  - Nursing actions using Minnesota Wheel

- **Evaluate:** Ongoing process
  - Re-examine all steps

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**Documentation**

Located at [http://go.phd.ladhs.org](http://go.phd.ladhs.org) or in County of Los Angeles Public Health Programs and Community Health Services Nursing Procedures Manual

- Documentation - Policy # 390.1 ([http://go.phd.ladhs.org](http://go.phd.ladhs.org))
- Late Entry - Policy # 211 (Manual)
- Charting S.O.A.P. --Policy # 201 (Manual)
- Abbreviation – Policy # 109
- Prohibited abbreviations – Policy # 341

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**Sample Charting**

- **S:** Subjective Data
  - Information provided by client, family or community worker.

- **O:** Objective Data
  - Data obtained through observation, e.g. vital signs.

- **A:** Assessment
  - Statement of diagnosis.

- **P:** Plan
  - Plan for treatment, education, or referrals.

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**S.O.A.P Charting**

- **S:** 22y/o male c/o cough, SOB, hemoptysis.
- **O:** Pt. Lives with family, B/P: 156/90. See H-513 of 10/20/03 exam.
- **A:** Pt receptive to PHN visit and verbalized understanding of DOT Regime, TB class #, Smear positive.
- **P:** Pt. educated on TB disease, transmission and prevention with emphasis on covering mouth with coughing. Patient reminded to wear mask at doctor appointments. Referral faxed to TBC for housing and food vouchers.