You are a new nurse in your preceptorship and have just received report on your assignment of the following 3 patients on a medical unit:

- An 82 year old male admitted with gastroenteritis, on I/O, is receiving IVF’s of NS at 125ml/hr, had 3 bouts of diarrhea on the previous shift, family at the bedside.

- A 64 year old female admitted with an exacerbation of COPD, is on O2 at 2L via NC with O2 sats in the mid-90’s, lives alone and is planning for discharge on your shift after oxygen is established at her home.

- A 52 year old diabetic with a Right foot ulcer and history of Left AKA, complained of intractable phantom pain on the previous shift, has dressing changes scheduled every 8 hours and accuchecks ac&hs, wife is the primary care giver in the home.

**Critical Thinking Exercises:**

Based on the report given on your 0700-1500 shift do the following critical thinking exercises:

1. List the order in which you assess the patients, giving the rationale.
2. List other members and their function(s) you anticipate in caring for these patients.
3. For each patient, list at least one patient care task that could be delegated to other members of the healthcare team.