Concept: Oxygenation

Learning Outcomes:
1. Summarize the pathophysiological processes in the ARDS syndrome.
2. Explain the direct and indirect causes of ARDS.
3. Evaluate the four stages of ARDS and the clinical presentation of the patient during each of these stages.
4. Compare the different therapies available for managing ARDS: pharmacologic, mechanical ventilation, and fluid management.
5. Formulate nursing diagnoses appropriate to the patient’s oxygenation status.
6. Integrate newly introduced psychomotor, cognitive, and affective skills in complex health situations.

Learning Resources:
Text: NC ADN Textbook

Websites:

DVD:
Acute Respiratory Disorders: Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome. Concept Media. 119 DVD.

Learning Activities:

Complete the 15 questions at the end of the article and submit to instructor.

Read “Guarding your patient against ARDS” by Davies, P. (2002). Nursing. 32/3, 36-42.
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Evaluation:
Unit exam
Powers article as above.