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CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE



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This aspect of care outlines how pain can be assessed, measured and communicated.

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Domain Three: Treatment - physical strategies to manage pain

This aspect of care outlines the importance of physical strategies to improve and maintain function in acute and persistent pain.



Domain Three: Treatment – self management strategies

The following are the key elements of the domain:

Domain Three: Treatment - use of pharmacological strategies

This domain explores how nurses contribute to the safe, timely and appropriate use of pharmacological therapies.

<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Aware of any potential signs and symptoms/ contra-indication of pharmacological strategies.2. Knows the therapeutic uses of the medication to be administered, its normal dosage, side-effects, precautions and contra-indication.3. Develops the skills to give simple and clear instructions for patients in their care, and at discharge.4. Recognises that medicines may impact mental capacity.5. Aware of the roles of the regulatory agencies involved in medicine use, monitoring and licensing (for example the National Institute of Health and Clinical Excellence)	



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