



You must print out your own course materials! None will be available at the class. Click on the link below to access:

www.tchpeducation.com/coursebooks/coursebooks_main.htm

If the link does not work, copy and paste the link (web page address) into your internet browser. Available 1 week prior to class.

Nursing Care of the Post-Surgical Patient

December 7th, 2017
7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Minneapolis VA Health Care System –
Room 4U–106 (in the Medical Library)

Description/Learning Outcomes

What happens when your patient returns from the operating room? What should your patient care priorities be in the first days following surgery? What can you do to reduce complications and help your patient recover more quickly? **Learning Outcomes:** After attending this class, the participant will self-report an improvement in their knowledge base and critical thinking skills related to the assessment and management of pain, pulmonary and hemodynamic complications, infection, incisions and lines, and delirium in the post-surgical patient.

Target Audience

This class is designed for nurses who care for post-surgical patients, however, other health care professionals are welcome to attend.

Recommended Pre-Reading

Anatomy, physiology, pathophysiology and other basics will not be covered in class. TCHP has several primers available to help you review this content: *Cardiovascular Critical Care Primer*, *Understanding Adult Hemodynamics Primer*, *Pulmonary Critical Care Primer*, and *the GI, Renal and Endocrine Critical Care Primer*. Other TCHP Home Studies that will help you prepare for this class include: *Fundamentals of Diabetes*, *Fundamentals of Pain and Patient Education in the Real World*. TCHP organization employees can receive passwords to access these home studies from the TCHP website from their representatives: (HCMC= MyLearningCenter@hmed.org, VA=VHAMINTCHP@va.gov, NH=Linda Herrera, MVH=Agnes Kastenholz-Lehn). **Non-TCHP** hospital participants will need to purchase home studies on the TCHP website at: <http://www.tchpeducation.com/homestudies/homestudies.html> that they are interested in to receive the password.

7:30 – 7:45 a.m.	Registration	
7:45 – 9:00 a.m.	Pain Management	Amber Stitz
9:00 – 9:15 a.m.	Break	
9:15 – 10:30 a.m.	Delirium	Amber Stitz
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break	
10:45 – 11:30 a.m.	Clinical Decision Making (Critical Thinking)	Kristen Mion
11:30 – 12:15 p.m.	Lunch	
12:15 – 1:15 p.m.	General Complications	Kristen Mion
1:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Break	
1:30 – 2:45 p.m.	Pulmonary Complications	Kristen Mion
2:45 – 3:00 p.m.	Break	
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Hemodynamic Complications	Debra Whitney

Continuing Education Credit

For attending this class, you are eligible to receive:

7.8 * or 6.50 contact hours (see below).**

Criteria for successful completion: All participants must attend the program and complete verification and evaluation forms to receive contact hours. If you are an ANCC certified nurse, you must attend the ENTIRE activity to receive contact hours and complete the application process with TCHP.

The Twin Cities Health Professionals Education Consortium is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Wisconsin Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

*Denotes contact hours used for renewing licensure with the MN Board of Nursing or other Board that uses a 50 min/contact hour formula. These contact hours will be issued unless you request contact hours that comply with the ANCC formula.

**Denotes contact hours used for renewing Nursing Certification with ANCC or other organization that uses the formula of 60 min/contact hour. You must request these contact hours on the validation form if you need them.

Please Read!

- Check the attached map for directions to the class and assistance with parking.
- Certificates of attendance will be distributed at the end of the day.
- You should dress in layers to accommodate fluctuations in room temperature.
- Food, beverages, and parking costs are your responsibility.
- If you are unable to attend after registering, please notify the Education Department at your hospital or TCHP at 612-873-2225.
- In the case of bad weather, call the TCHP office at 612-873-2225 and check the answering message to see if a class has been cancelled. If a class has been cancelled, the message will be posted by 5:30 a.m. on the day of the program.
- More complete class information is available on the TCHP website at www.tchpeducation.com.

Minneapolis VA Health Care System –4U-106

One Veterans Drive
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Directions to the MVAHCS

From the East (St. Paul): Take 35E south to West 7th/Highway 5 exit. Turn right at the top of the exit ramp. Continue on 5 to the Fort Snelling exit and stay to the right as you follow the exit around. You will “Y” into traffic coming from the Mendota bridge. Move to the right and exit on 55 west. As you exit on 55 west, it will “Y” almost immediately. Stay to the left and go straight through the stoplight. You will be on Minnehaha. Follow Minnehaha to the stoplight in front of the VA and turn left into the parking lot. If you miss the “Y” continue to the next stoplight (54th) and turn left. Go to stop sign (Minnehaha) and turn left again. Go to the stoplight in front of the VA and turn right into the parking lot.

From the Southeast: Take 35E to 110 west. Take the 55 west/Fort Snelling exit. Go to the far righthand lane as soon as you exit to continue on 55 west. Go over the Mendota Bridge, move to the right lane and exit to follow 55 west. As you exit on 55 west, it will “Y” almost immediately. Stay to the left and go straight through the stoplight. You will be on Minnehaha. Follow Minnehaha to the stoplight in front of the VA and turn left into the parking lot. If you miss the “Y” continue to the next stoplight (54th) and turn left. Go to stop sign (Minnehaha) and turn left again. Go to the stoplight in front of the VA and turn right into the parking lot.

From the North: Take 35W south to 62 east. *Follow directions below.

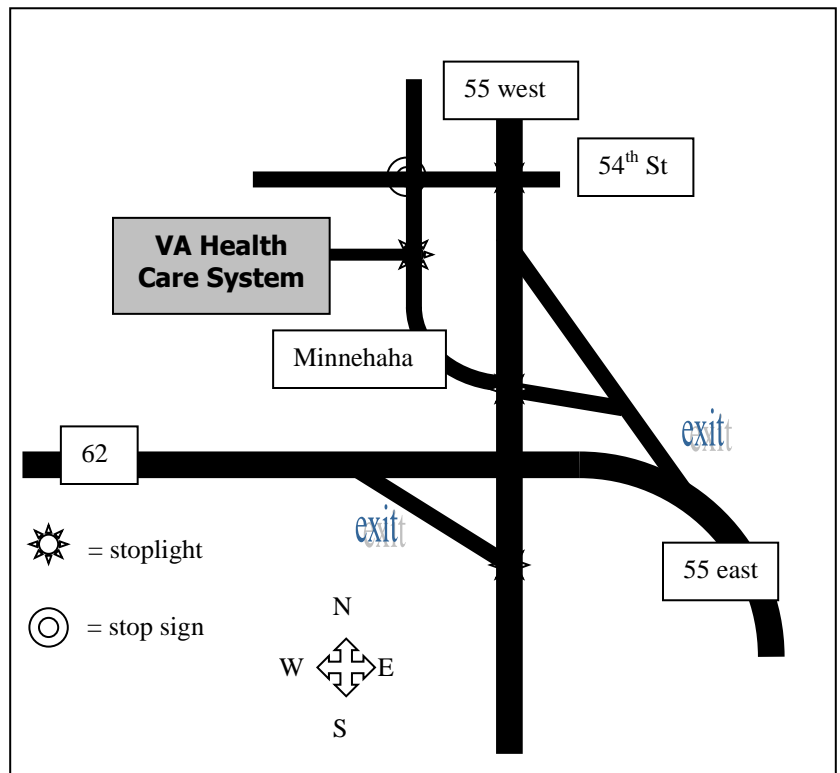
From the South: Take 35W north to 62 east. *Follow directions below.

From the West: Take 494 east to 35W north. Take 62 east. *Follow directions below.

***Directions, continued:** Get into the right lane on 62 and exit on 55 west. At the top of the exit ramp, turn left to continue on 55 west. Go to the stoplight (Minnehaha) and turn left. Follow Minnehaha to the stoplight in front of the VA and turn left into the lot.

For All: Park in the Visitor’s Parking Lot to the left (parking is free). Enter through the outpatient entrance and take the elevator to the 4th floor. Enter the Medical Library that is next to the bank of elevators. 4U-106 is located at the back of the library.

Light Rail Transit: The LRT line stops right in front of the VA. Feel free to utilize the park and ride lots and take the LRT to the VA. Go to the LRT website for information about where to park, fares, and how to ride:



<http://www.metrocouncil.org/transit/rail/index.htm>