

Determining what client findings are significant, most important, and of immediate concern to the nurse.

What are your clues?



Start with the ABCs

- Is the airway open?
- Is the patient breathing?
- Does the patient have adequate circulation? (Check pulse and blood pressure) Know what the normal baseline is for that patient.

- What disease process is going on with the patient?
- Are the symptoms the patient is having EXPECTED for the disease process?
- Are the symptoms UNEXPECTED for the disease process?
- Is the patient safe?
- What exactly are you focusing on in the question?
- You are allowed a writing board that will be provided for you during the NCLEX or a blank sheet of paper during testing in nursing school. Use that sheet of paper for your advantage.
- Write down the central concern in the question and identify the number of the question AFTER reading the question TWICE.

