**Suggested Answers to Assignments, Chapter 27, Caring for People Who Are Dying**

| Written Assignment | Learning Objective(s) |
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| Assignment #1. Students complete Chapter 27 of *Lippincott Workbook for Nursing Assistants.* | 1–7 |

| Group Assignments | Learning Objective(s) |
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| Assignment #1. Students’ discussion should include:   * Skin care   + Frequent care   + Check for incontinence   + Change soiled linens promptly   + Use bed protectors   + Care properly for an indwelling urinary catheter * Care of the mucous membranes   + Frequent oral care   + Cleanse dried mucus from eyelids   + Cleanse dried mucus from oxygen delivery device * Positioning   + Frequent position changes   + Use pillows or positioning devices * Other comfort measures   + Back massage   + Soft music   + Read to the person   + Enemas as necessary   + Keep room well lit and ventilated   + Report shortness of breath to the nurse   + Remove items promptly and use air freshener | 3 |
| Assignment #2. Demonstrate and assist students to practice the procedure in Chapter 27 using the procedure check-off list in *Lippincott Workbook for Nursing Assistants*. | 3, 4, 6, 7 |

| Clinical Assignments | Learning Objective(s) |
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| Assignment #1. The nursing assistant speaker might include:   * Feelings related to experiencing first patient or resident death * Whether care was compromised because of fear of death * Was he or she overly cheerful? * How is the emotional problem of grief dealt with? * What kinds of care for skin, mucous membranes, positioning, and other comfort measures are used? * Are family members encouraged to help with care if they want to be involved? * How to be a good listener and spend quiet time with the person * How to understand family members’ reactions to grief * Nursing assistants’ role in postmortem care | 1, 2, 3 |
| Assignment #2. Arrange a field trip for the students to a local funeral home. | 7 |

| Web Assignment | Learning Objective(s) |
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| Assignment #1. Students can enter “cultural beliefs about death” to find such web sites as:  [http://www.dimensionsofculture.com/2010/11/cultural-aspects-of-death-and-dying](http://www.dimensionsofculture.com/2010/11/cultural-aspects-of-death-and-dying/) | 4 |