**Suggested Answers to Discussion Topics, Chapter 6, Those We Care For**

| Suggested Answers for Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
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| 1a. Students’ responses should include the following:  * Mr. Lonely is unable to meet his physiologic need for the expression of his sexuality as he is separated from his sexual partner. * His love and belonging needs are not being met due to the separation from his wife and children.  1b. Students’ responses should include the following:  * When his wife visits, make sure they are given privacy. * Always knock before entering his room and wait for a response. * Help him prepare for his wife’s visits by completing personal hygiene and grooming rituals. * Show a sincere interest in him that will tell him you care and accept him. * Provide privacy during care, and respect his dignity. * Smile and provide gentle words and touch. | 5, 6 |
| 2a. Students’ responses should include the following:  * John is in the stage of toddlerhood. * In this stage, he must learn to tolerate separation from his primary caregiver. * He is beginning to learn control of his bowel and bladder. * He can use words and short sentences to communicate. * He is becoming more independent. * He may wish to play alongside other children, but may not interact.  2b. Students’ responses should include the following:  * Because of his curiosity, lack of judgment, and need for increased independence and mobility, it will be a challenge to keep him safe from injury. * He may be difficult to soothe or calm should his caregiver have to leave him. | 4, 5 |
| 3a. Students’ responses should include the following:  * The patient’s recovery, rehabilitation, and ultimate quality of life can be affected by the client’s cultural beliefs and practices. * The care providers need to be aware of the cultural and religious beliefs and practices that are important to the patient.  3b. Students’ responses should include the following:  * Families can be diverse and may include friends as well. * A “significant other” may be a same sex partner. * Care must be taken to address the stress and sense of helplessness family or friends may experience when a loved one is hospitalized or admitted to a care facility. * With consent from the patient, include family and friends in care decisions if they express interest. | 7, 8 , 9 |