**Assignments, Chapter 43, Caring for Surgical Patients**

| Written Assignments | Learning Objectives |
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| Assignment #1. Complete Chapter 43 of *Lippincott Workbook for Nursing Assistants*. | 1–6 |
| Assignment #2. Write a short paper to present to the class describing a surgical experience you have had, or interview a person who has had surgery. Include in your paper feelings and concerns before surgery, and what the postoperative experience was like. | 1, 2, 3, 5 |

| Group Assignments | Learning Objective |
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| Assignment #1. Divide into groups. Each group will be assigned a task the nursing assistant can perform to assist the patient before surgery. Groups will discuss the task and the role of the nursing assistant. Groups will then present their discussion to the rest of the class. | 4 |
| Assignment #2. Divide into groups. Each group will be assigned a complication that can follow a surgical procedure. Groups will discuss the causes for complications, how they are prevented, and the nursing assistant’s role in prevention. Groups will then present their discussion to the rest of the class. | 5 |

| Clinical Assignment | Learning Objective |
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| Assignment #1. During your clinical experience, assist with patients who are in postoperative recovery. Review with your instructor what you will be observing for while assisting with those patients. Report any of these observations to the nurse immediately and to your instructor. | 6 |

| Web Assignment | Learning Objectives |
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| Assignment #1. Select a surgical procedure from the list provided by the instructor. Search for information relating to the reasons for the need for this procedure, the type of anesthesia required, complications from this surgery, and the nursing care required postoperatively. Share your information with the class. | 1, 2, 5, 6 |