**Assignments, Chapter 31, The Respiratory System**

| Written Assignments | Learning Objective(s) |
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| Assignment #1. Complete Chapter 31 of *Lippincott Workbook for Nursing Assistants*. | 1–7 |
| Assignment #2. Write a short essay on the effects of smoking on the respiratory system. | 4 |

| Group Assignments | Learning Objective(s) |
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| Assignment #1. You are caring for a resident who has advanced emphysema but continues to smoke. Discuss what stages of grief the resident might be going through, and what you think about the resident’s desire to continue smoking despite his condition. Use these comments as a springboard for discussing the importance of allowing patients and residents to make decisions concerning their own quality of life. | 4 |
| Assignment #2. Divide into groups. Each group will be assigned one of the following disorders of the respiratory system.   * Pneumonia * Bronchitis * Influenza * Asthma * Emphysema * Chronic bronchitis * Cancer * Pneumothorax * Hemothorax   Now write down the causes, symptoms, and treatment for your assigned disorder. After each group finishes, read aloud the signs, symptoms, and treatment and have the other groups guess the name of the disorder. | 4, 5 |

| Clinical Assignments | Learning Objective(s) |
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| Assignment #1. Because the nursing assistant’s main responsibility in caring for patients or residents with a respiratory problem is that of observation, review with your instructor those observations you must report immediately to the nurse. While caring for your patients or residents, learn to recognize what is normal for each of them so you can recognize changes if they occur. Observe them during your shift and report any of those changes immediately to the nurse and your instructor. | 6, 7 |
| Assignment #2. The respiratory therapist in your clinical area will speak to the class about respiratory therapy. The therapist will discuss the treatment used for persons with different respiratory disorders, and the observations of equipment that the nursing assistant should routinely make when providing care to those requiring respiratory therapy. | 5, 6, 7 |

| Web Assignment | Learning Objective(s) |
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| Assignment #1. Search the Internet for information about different types of influenza to learn about who is at risk to get the flu and to have complications requiring hospitalization, and how the viruses are spread. | 4 |