**Discussion Topics, Chapter 2, The Nursing Assistant**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objective(s) |
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| 1. You are a nursing assistant working in St. Mary’s Nursing Home and have just helped your resident into the shower. The RN enters the resident’s room and says, “Mary, would you please give these medications to Miss Marple when she gets out of the shower? I’ll leave them here on her bedside stand.”How should you respond to this request?If the nurse says that you don’t have to give Miss Marple her pills, but just tell her to take them, what should you do? | 3, 5, 6 |
| 2. A nurse has instructed your coworker to obtain a blood sugar reading using a glucometer. He tells the nurse he has never done this before and does not know how to use the glucometer or how to obtain a specimen. The nurse is unable to help him now and tells you to teach him how to do this task and to supervise him while he does it. You have only done this once before without nursing supervision.What should you do?What is your responsibility should you decline to accept this task? | 3, 5, 6 |
| 3. A friend is interested in becoming a certified nursing assistant.What do you tell him or her concerning how you became a nursing assistant?How would you describe the purpose of the registry? | 1, 2 |