**Discussion Topics, Chapter 29, The Integumentary System**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
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| 1. Mr. George Shaw is a 95-year-old resident of Merryville Nursing Home. Mr. Shaw has poor circulation and suffered a stroke that left them with right-sided paralysis. They are incontinent of urine and stool. They wear a wrist splint on the right to prevent contracture. They have been eating less and less over the past 2 weeks, and are losing weight. It is difficult to get them to drink adequate fluids during the day, and lately they have become less and less willing to be up and involved in activities. They wish to remain in their room most of the day.   1. What are Mr. Shaw’s risk factors for the development of pressure ulcers? 2. What will you do as their nursing assistant to prevent them from developing a pressure ulcer? 3. How can skin damage affect their health? | 4, 5, 6 |
| 2. You are a home health aide, and have received a new assignment. Your patient is Mildred Looper and they are 72 years old. They have been discharged to home following surgery to remove both breasts due to cancer. They will require assistance every morning for bathing, personal hygiene, and dressing. Their wounds are open to air, and they have a Jackson—-Pratt drain in place on the left side of their chest wall. A transparent dressing covers the drain insertion site. The RN will visit Mildred twice a week to check on their healing progress.   1. Are Mildred’s wounds intentional or unintentional; open or closed; and is healing taking place by first, second, or third intention? 2. When you are caring for Mildred, what observations should you make and what should you report immediately to the nurse? 3. How can their age affect their healing? | 4, 7, 8 |