**Discussion Topics, Chapter 6, Those We Care For**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
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| 1. You are assigned to care for Mr. Lonely in a rehabilitation center. He is 34 years old and is recovering from injuries following an automobile accident. He is married, with three children. Because they live on a farm 150 miles from the rehabilitation center, his wife is unable to visit him more than once a week. She does not bring the children, as they are in school. Mr. Lonely expresses great sadness at being isolated from his wife and children. He says he can’t wait to see his wife so they can “cuddle.”   1. According to Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs, what needs, if any, is Mr. Lonely unable to meet? 2. What can you do to help Mr. Lonely meet his needs? | 5, 6 |
| 2. Your new pediatric patient, John, is 2 years old. John fell off a table at home and broke his arm. He went to surgery yesterday afternoon and today he is awake and moving about with a cast on his arm. He is in a crib and he is constantly in motion.   1. What stage of development is John going through and what tasks must he accomplish during this stage? 2. What might your greatest challenge(s) be as the nursing assistant caring for John? | 4, 5 |
| 3. Your patient is an Asian immigrant who has a family that is very concerned and particularly interested in their care.   1. What responsibility do you have to meeting the patient’s cultural beliefs and resulting differences? 2. What is your responsibility to the patient’s family? | 7, 8, 9 |