**Discussion Topics, Chapter 40, Caring for People With Developmental Disabilities**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
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| 1. Sharon, a 21 year old, is admitted to your hospital unit following surgery for appendicitis. Sharon is a resident of a long-term care facility that specializes in caring for people with developmental disabilities.   1. What information will you need to provide quality care for Sharon? 2. You find that Sharon is unable to speak. How will you be able to tell when something is wrong? | 3, 4 |
| 2. You enjoy working at the day care center for people who have developmental disabilities. Geraldine, a 13-year-old person with moderate intellectual disability, has become increasingly physically affectionate with staff persons, especially with male aides and residents.   1. What might be a reason for Geraldine’s increased need for physical affection? 2. What steps should be taken regarding this behavior? | 2, 3, 4 |