**Discussion Topics, Chapter 10, Communicable Disease**

| Topics for Discussion | Learning Objectives |
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| 1. Mrs. Treacher is a resident of Colonial Manor Nursing Home. She is 84 years old and suffers from congestive heart failure. She has difficulty sleeping at night due to shortness of breath, so she is very tired during the day. She is on a diuretic (water pill) to rid her body of excess fluid and has a catheter in her urinary bladder so her urine can be measured accurately.  What risk(s) for infection does Mrs. Treacher have and why? | 1, 3, 4, 5 |
| 2. Julie is assigned to care for a patient with a bacterial infection of her respiratory tract. The care plan states the patient may have an MDRO infection.  What is the portal of exit and the method of transmission for the pathogen infecting this patient’s lungs? | 3, 4 |
| 3. You are caring for Mr. Grant who is 78 years old, a diabetic, and has an infected left toe.  What makes Mr. Grant susceptible to infections? | 1, 5 |