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Skilled Nursing Needs	Points	Skilled Nursing Need	Points	SCORE
No trachestomy, Patent airway	0	No chest PT, HFCWO vest or cough assist device	0	
No tracheostomy, unstable airway with desaturations and Airway clearance issues	1	HFCWO - High Frequency Chest Wall Oscillation		
Tracheostomy - routine care	2	Chest PT, HFCWO vest, cough assist 1-4x/day	2	
Tracheostomy - special care (tissue breakdown, frequent tube replacements)	3	Chest PT, HFCWO vest, cough assist MORE than 4x/day	4	
No suctioning	0	**Medication Needs (# of admin/shift not # of medications)**		
Nasal/oral/pharyngeal suctioning by nurse	1	Does not include oxygen/nebulizer administration		
Tracheal suctioning: 2 - 10x/day	2	Medication delivery 2 dose admin. or LESS/shift	0	
Tracheal suctioning: > 10x/day	3	Medication delivery 2-6 dose admin/shift	1	
No oxygen usage	0	Medication delivery MORE than 7 admin/shift	2	
Oxygen - daily use	1	No IV Access	0	
Oxygen administration based upon pulse oximetry readings	1.5	Peripheral IV Access	1	
Humidification & oxygen - direct (via tracheostomy but not with ventilator)	1.5	Central Line of port, PICC line, Hickman	2	
No ventilator, BiPap, or CPAP	0	No IV medication delivery	0	
Ventilator - continuous 24 hours/day	10	IV med/Transfusion less than daily but more than weekly	1	
Ventilator -> 12-24 hours/day	5	IV medication admin. Q4 hours or LESS often	2	
Ventilator < 12 hours/day	2.5	IV medication admin. Q4 hours or MORE often	3	
BiPap, CPAP by nurse during shift: 8 hours or less	3	Total Parenteral Nutrition (TPN)	4	
BiPap, CPAP by nurse during shift: more than 8 hours/day	4			
No nebulizer treatments	0	No regular blood draws, or less than 2x/week	0	
Nebulizer treatments (by nurse) less than daily but at least 1x/week	1	Regular blood draws / IV peripheral site - 2x/week	1	
Nebulizer treatments (by nurse) every 4 hours or LESS often but at least daily	1.5	Regular blood draws / Central line - 2x/week	2	
Nebulizer treatments (by nurse) every 4 hours or MORE often	2	SubTOTAL		
SubTOTAL		TOTAL SCORE		

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Routine oral feeding or No tube-feeding required	0	Continent of bowel and bladder function	0	
Documented difficult/prolonged oral feeding by NURSE	2	Uncontrolled incontinence but < 3 yrs of age	0	
Tube feeding (Routine bolus OR Continuous)	2	Uncontrolled incontinence EITHER bowel or bladder > 3 yrs	1	
Tube feeding (combination Bolus AND Continuous)	3	Uncontrolled incontinence, BOTH bowel and bladder > 3 yrs	2	
Complicated Tube Feeding - required residual checks and aspiration precautions	3.5	Incontinence and intermittent straight catheterization, indwelling, suprapubic, or condom catheter	3	
		Ostomy Care - Bowel or Bladder	3	
Seizures		Peritoneal Dialysis - performed by nurse	3	
No seizure activity	0			
Mild seizures - at least daily, but no intervention	0	**Wound Care**		
Mild seizures, at least 4/week with each requiring minimal intervention	1	None of the options below apply	0	
Moderate seizures - at least once daily requiring minimal intervention	2	Wound Vac	2	
Moderate seizures - 2 - 5/day with each requiring minimal intervention	2.5	Stage 1-2, wound care at least daily (including tracheostomy, G/J tube site)	2	
Severe seizures - > 10/month all requiring intervention	3			
Severe seizures - at least 1x/day requiring IV/IM/Rectal medication intervention	3.5	Stage 3-4, multiple wound sites	3	
Severe seizures - > 1/day requiring IV/IM/Rectal medication intervention	4			
Assessment		**Therapies**		
Initial assessment/shift	0	Passive Range of Motion at least every shift	1	
Second documented **complete** assessment/shift	1	Splinting schedule requires nurse to remove/replace every shift	1	
Three or more complete assessments/shift	2			
Choose one if at least 2 of the 4 are ordered and documented		Splinting schedule requires nurse to remove/replace at least 2x/shift.	2	
VS/Glucose/Neuro/Resp - assess 1x/day	0			
VS/Glucose/Neuro/Resp - assess 1x/shift or less often than every 4 hours	1	**Issues Interfering with Care**		
VS/Glucose/Neuro/Resp - assess at least every 4 hours	2	Unwilling or unable to cooperate	1	
VS/Glucose/Neuro/Resp - assess at least every 2 hours	3	Weight > 100 lbs or immobility increases care difficulty	1	
		Unable to express needs and wants	1	
SubTOTAL		SubTOTAL		

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SCORE (Total Score from Page 1 + Total Score of Page 2) = 0

Instructions:

Circle points to the right of the identified skilled care need, add down each column to get the SubTotals. Add all SubTotals for Grand Total

Totals equal:
15 -25 points = 4-8 hours/day -> up to 56 hours/week
26-35 points = 8-12 hours/day -> up to 84 hours/week
36-45 points = 12-16 hours/day -> up to 112 hours/week
46 - 55 points = 16-20 hours/day -> up to 140 hours/week