Unit A
Nurse Aide Workplace Fundamentals
Essential Standard 1.00
Understand the range of function, legal and ethical responsibilities of the nurse aide within the healthcare system.
Indicator 1.01
Understand healthcare facilities and organizational structure with focus on LTC.

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BRAIN STORM

Think
Where do you think Nurse Aides work?

Act
Raise your hand and share your thoughts!
NAs can work in a variety of settings.
Provide care for individuals of all ages with a broad range of health problems
Hospitals

Services varied and extensive

- Diagnostic
- Therapeutic
- Medical
- Surgical
- Emergency
So what does **Diagnostic** mean?

Pertaining to the *Identification* of a medical condition or disease as determined by a physician. A statement of what is wrong with a resident.
aaaand....

So what does Therapeutic mean?

Pertains to treating, fixing, or correcting a medical or surgical problem
So what does **Medical** mean?

- Pertaining to the science of treatment that includes drugs, diet, exercise and other non-surgical means.
Surgical ...

Pertains to the treatment of injury, deformity, and disease by manual and instrumental operations.
So what does Emergency mean?

Sudden occurrence of a serious and urgent nature that demands immediate attention.
Hospitals

Types of Care

- Acute
- Chronic
- Terminal / Palliative
OK so…..remind me

So what does Acute mean?

• An acute illness has a **sudden onset** from which the resident is expected to recover.

• Acute therapy is **short-term** medical treatment, usually in a hospital, for patients having an acute illness or injury or recovering from surgery.
Then...

**Chronic** means....

- A chronic illness has slow or gradual onset, for which there is no known cure, the illness can be controlled and complications prevented.

- Chronic care is medical and nursing services that focus on long-term care of people with chronic diseases or conditions, either at home or in a medical facility. It includes measures specific to the problem, as well as others to encourage self-care, promote health, and prevent loss of function.
What does **Terminal** mean?

An illness from which the resident is not expected to recover and will die.

Residents with terminal illnesses are given Palliative (comfort) care instead of curative care.
Open your mouth and say aaaaaanswer

Acute

Chronic

Terminal

Palliative