

Pamela Pinkston Scenario

Ron Records

Your life:

- You are the Documentation Specialist.
- You will need to pay close attention to the activity in this scenario.
- You may be asked to read reports or take notes for the group.
- Your job is to observe and report.

You appear in no scenes

Summary of the Scenario

This case occurs in Pleasant Hills Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center: a large facility with over 120 residents. Pamela Pinkston is a 51-year-old resident who is recovering from a brain injury sustained in a car accident. She has been here for two months and is receiving rehabilitative services. Pamela's ability to move and talk has been severely reduced by the accident. Her memory is impaired and her thinking is slow. She is not competent to make her own decisions at this time. Her husband, John, has power of attorney for health care and is her health care agent. Pamela has been making steady progress, but recently her family and nursing staff have noticed a decline in her condition.

Lives

- **Linda Fuller**, CNA
- **Jason Jones**, social worker
- **Melanie Wilson**, CNA
- **John Pinkston**, Pamela's husband
- **Mai Lee**, Director of Nursing
- **Carl Hamilton**, Maintenance man/housekeeper
- **Andrea Pinkston**, Pamela and John's daughter
- **Ron Records**, Documentation Specialist

Who is in each Scene

- **Scene One** (on Blue paper): Jason, Melanie, Linda
- **Scene Two** (Green): John, Andrea, Linda
- **Scene Three** (Yellow): Jason, Mai, Carl
- **Scene Four** (Pink): Jason, Linda, Melanie

Ron Records, Documentation Specialist

You are the documentation specialist. You will need to pay close attention to the activity in this scenario. Your job is to observe all the scenes and report on the following topics:

General observations worth noting and reporting:

Identify potential *red flags* of harm to the resident:

What could staff have done to prevent the situation from happening?

Evidence of efforts to protect Pamela:

Evidence of ways to promote Pamela's dignity and respect:

Evidence of ways to promote staff members' dignity and respect:

Pamela Pinkston, Individualized Care Plan

(excerpted)

Diagnosis:

51-year-old woman, admitted after 5-day admission at Badger Memorial for traumatic brain injury suffered in a car accident.

Intracranial injuries have caused hemorrhaging resulting in excessive sleepiness, impaired memory, faulty judgment, as well as slowed speech and thinking. Patient requires assistance in most activities of daily living.

Husband, John P. Pinkston, is resident's health care agent due to patient's severely reduced capacity to make health care decisions.

Requires Assistance with:

- bathing
- transferring
- speech therapy
- medication management
- range-of-motion exercises with arms and legs

Safety:

Walking and movement are still problematic. Patient requires assistance. May walk independently with ambulatory aides such as a cane or walker.

Avoid visits after 6:00p.m.

Warm-Up

Mai, John, and Andrea

- John, Andrea, and Mai are in the waiting room discussing the care of Pamela.
- Mai says that she has seen some small signs of improvement in Pamela's condition since her admission.
- Mai mentions that there are many exercises the staff members have planned to improve Pamela's movement and other physical abilities.

Carl, Jason, Linda, Melanie, and Ron

- Each of you has just attended a training session on the importance of teamwork.
- Talk about the ways communication among direct caregivers, managers, and service professionals can improve resident care.
- Discuss each staff person's role regarding resident care.