

# Anxiety Nursing Care Plan

**Patient Name:**

**Date:**

## Assessment

- **Symptoms:** [Describe the patient's anxiety symptoms, including severity, duration, and impact on daily life.]
- **History:** [Gather information about the patient's past history of anxiety, including any previous diagnoses, treatments, and response to treatment.]
- **Risk Factors:** [Identify any potential risk factors for anxiety, such as family history, genetic predisposition, stressful life events, or substance abuse.]

## Diagnosis

- **Diagnosis:** [Determine if the patient meets the diagnostic criteria for an anxiety disorder based on established classification systems like the DSM-5 .]
- **Type of Anxiety Disorder:** [Specify the type of anxiety disorder, such as generalized anxiety disorder, panic disorder, or social anxiety disorder.]

## Planning

- **Goals:** [Establish clear, measurable, achievable, relevant, and time-bound (SMART) goals for treatment.]
- **Interventions:** [Outline a range of interventions, considering both non-pharmacological and pharmacological approaches.]

- **Non-Pharmacological Interventions:**

- Psychoeducation:** Provide education about anxiety disorders, their causes, and evidence-based treatment options.
- Relaxation Techniques:** Teach relaxation techniques, such as deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, and mindfulness meditation.
- Coping Skills:** Help patients develop coping skills to manage stress, anxiety triggers, and negative thoughts.
- Support Groups:** Facilitate participation in support groups or therapy groups for individuals with anxiety disorders.

**Other interventions:**

- **Pharmacological Interventions: same as above**

- Medication:** Administer prescribed medication as directed, monitoring for side effects and effectiveness.
- Collaborate with the prescribing physician to ensure appropriate medication management.

**Other interventions:**

## **Evaluation**

- Regular Monitoring:** Regularly monitor the patient's progress and symptoms, tracking changes over time using standardized assessment tools.
- Intervention Effectiveness:** Evaluate the effectiveness of interventions and make adjustments to the care plan as needed to optimize treatment outcomes.
- Functional Status:** Assess the patient's functional status and ability to perform daily activities, evaluating their overall quality of life.
- Medication Compliance:** Monitor medication compliance and side effects to ensure appropriate medication management.

**Additional notes:**

## **Communication**

- Maintain open communication with the patient and their family to address concerns, provide updates, and ensure everyone is informed about the treatment plan.
- Collaborate with other healthcare providers, such as psychiatrists, therapists, and social workers, to coordinate care and ensure a comprehensive approach.
- Document all assessments, interventions, and outcomes in the patient's medical record to provide continuity of care and facilitate communication among healthcare providers.

### **Additional notes:**

## **Discharge Planning - leave space at the bottom of this for nurse/patient etc to write any other important discharge pointers. tickbox**

- As the patient approaches discharge, provide education on self-management strategies, relapse prevention, and resource availability.
- Coordinate with community resources, such as support groups, therapy providers, and mental health services, to ensure ongoing care and support after discharge.
- Document discharge instructions and follow-up plans in the patient's medical record.

### **Additional notes:**