COMMON PROBLEMS OF DATA COLLECTION
1. Irrelevant or duplicate data collected
2. Pertinent data omitted
3. Erroneous or misinterpreted data collected
4. Too little data acquired from client
5. Data base format causes disorganized health status profile
6. Poor documentation from staff
7. Conflicting data
8. MD’s handwriting
9. Language barrier
10. Insufficient time
11. Lack of equipment

COMMON PROBLEMS OF DATA ANALYSIS
1. Difficulty in locating appropriate standards for comparison to data
2. Analyses are made without adequate support
3. Client strengths are omitted
4. Nursing diagnoses/collaborative problems are stated inappropriately
5. Using medical diagnoses
6. Confusing the etiology or signs and symptoms for the problem
7. Relating the problem to an unchangeable situation
8. Use of a procedure instead of a human response
9. Lack of specificity
10. Combination of two nursing diagnoses
11. Relating one nursing diagnosis to another
12. Use of judgmental or value laden language
13. Making assumptions
14. Writing a legally inadvisable statement

COMMON PROBLEMS OF PLANNING
1. Client goal or expected outcome is too general to be useful in directing or evaluating care
2. Client goal or expected outcome does not derive from or relate to the nursing diagnosis
3. Client not involved
4. Goal or expected outcome is not measurable or observable
5. Failure to write clear nursing interventions

COMMON PROBLEMS OF IMPLEMENTATION
1. Nursing interventions do not result in achieving the goal or expected outcome
2. Nursing interventions are performed inappropriately
3. Responses are not identified
4. Insufficient time
5. Lack of equipment
6. Interference from family members
7. Failure to precisely or completely indicate nursing actions
8. Failure to indicate frequency of nursing actions
9. Failure to indicate quantity
10. Failure to indicate method
11. Failure to indicate person to perform the action

COMMON PROBLEMS OF EVALUATION
1. Erroneous or inappropriate conclusions drawn about effectiveness of nursing interventions
2. Failure to use findings properly