Case Study
Community/Family Health
Bancek Family

Mr. Bancek is a 59 year old Caucasian male who was diagnosed 7 years ago with Alzheimer’s disease. He is cared for in the family home by his wife and children with the help of a home care nurse several days a week. He is unable to care for himself and while ambulatory requires assistance with all ADL’s. Prior to his illness, he was a factory worker at an automotive plant. He and his wife have 9 children, age 13 to 28. The three youngest still live in the home, and the others live in the community. There are three grandchildren. The entire extended family attends the same church. They have lived in their home for 30 years.

1. Using the Friedman Family Assessment Model (or your ped and med-surg book), identify data you would need to collect from this family.

2. What assessment strategies might be used to elicit the data needed in question 1?

3. If a family genogram is constructed, what might it look like: what is the purpose of this assessment strategy?

You are to be the new home care nurse. You have met with the family to discuss arrangements. Mrs. Bancek was a homemaker until her husband’s illness. She had to return to work full time 4 years ago to meet the family’s financial needs. All of the family members want to help with Mr. Bancek’s care and are very supportive. The Bancek’s oldest daughter shares most of the care giving with her mother.

4. What family nursing diagnoses might be identified for this family?

5. Prioritize a plan of care for the Bancek Family.

6. Identify family strengths.

Mrs. Bancek shares with you that she tried to get a placement for Mr. Bancek in an adult day care setting however, he did not meet enough of the criteria. She shares that when the case worker asked him who Mrs. Bancek was, Mr. Bancek replied, “Mother.” Mrs. Bancek cries and becomes quiet. Her oldest daughter cares for her father two days a week. When asked if this is a burden, she says, “No, my mother has it the hardest. It’s like she doesn’t have a husband or anyone to talk to. Her husband is dead, but he isn’t.”

7. How should you as the home care nurse, respond to Mrs. Bancek and her daughter?

8. Write about the role of support for the family nursing: where does support come from and what forms can it take?