

Care-home instructions - answers

Here is the patient's activity sheet, showing how the **activity notes have been turned into instructions**. The relevant words have been highlighted:

Daily activity sheet - shift Instructions	
Patient: Mrs Bean	Staff nurse:
Mobility and comfort	Communication
Encourage Mrs Bean to walk around using her walking frame.	Remind Mrs Bean that she will be leaving at 11:00 am for a hospital appointment.
Activities	Clothing
In the afternoon ask Mrs Bean if she would like to do some cross-stitch or complete a jigsaw. This will stop her sleeping in the afternoon.	Check she puts on fresh clothes in the morning for her hospital appointment and that she has suitable shoes.
Personal hygiene	Elimination
Check if Mrs Bean needs help with washing and dressing in the morning.	No instruction.
Diet	Relaxation and sleep
Make sure she eats all her breakfast. She may	Keep Mrs Bean active in the afternoon so she
not eat her lunch until late due to hospital appointment.	doesn't sleep.

In this example, the verbs used to instruct (in the imperative) have been underlined. Remember that the imperative is formed by using the verb without the word 'to'. There is no noun or pronoun in front of it.

E.g. 'You must book a taxi' becomes 'Book a taxi'.

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