

What you should be able to do with your PDA

Beginner: Know basic features of the PDA and basic features of PEPID

1. Turn it on, find the applications and select the application you want.
2. Install the Palm program to your computer.
3. Know how to charge the device and to see how much battery is left on the device.
4. Hot sync the device with your computer to keep it updated.
5. Go to PEPID website and install Pepid Manager on your computer
6. Update PEPID on your computer and hot synchronize your device for the most current information from PEPID.
7. Be able to look up a medication using the PDA and find the following:
 - a. Dose for adults or pediatrics,
 - b. Contraindications,
 - c. Indications,
 - d. Mechanism of Action,
 - e. Adverse drug reactions,
 - f. Kinetics,
 - g. Pregnancy/Lactation,
 - h. Interactions,
 - i. Trade names/cost info,
 - j. IV information (if it is given IV).
8. Be able to look up a lab result and provide the following:
 - a. Critical values
 - b. Description
 - c. Normal Ranges
 - d. Interpretation High and Low
 - e. Related Tests
 - f. Technical info
9. Demonstrate the features of the PEPID menu Bar.
10. Know how to use interaction generator to check the patient's specific medications for possible interactions among drugs.

Intermediate: Become familiar with PEPID features and be both accurate and efficient in finding resources to solve patient problems.

1. Use calculators effectively and demonstrate the use of calculators for the population of patients in current clinical group (ie APGAR scores for OB; Mini mental Status exam for patients with dementia)
2. Use the NANDA tools to find and accurately apply nursing diagnoses for developing care plans.
3. Find appropriate anatomy images and be able to use in patient care. (ie. Show patient lung picture with alveoli to reinforce the use of incentive spirometer.)

Advanced: Demonstrate versatility in using PEPID and other PDA features in order to find and use evidence for practice. Demonstrate ways to help others use PDA and software in the clinical setting.

1. Be able to use tools in PEPID that allow you examine alternative medications to suggest to physicians and other prescribers when discussing alternatives to the current medication regimen. (ie. When the patient is not tolerating the current medications or interactions are found)
2. Find and use other data bases to validate knowledge for planning and implementing care.
3. Use online tools to find current, accurate information in library and other evidence gathering websites.
4. Help others use features of PDA through demonstration and teaching using adult learning principles. Develop new strategies for instruction.