The 6 Cognitive Skills of the Nursing Clinical Judgment Measurement Model (NCJMM)

Recognize Cues

- Identify the subjective or objective data in a clinical situation that would warrant the attention of the nurse (what information about this patient doesn't seem to be right?)

Analyze Cues

- Organize and link the cues or data to the clinical situation to generate hypotheses about what is happening with the client (what is causing this to not be right?)

Prioritize Hypotheses

- Rank the hypotheses made based on their priority (based on what is not right, what needs to be addressed first?)

Generate Solutions

- Use the ranked hypotheses to generate the priority interventions. Formulate desired or expected outcomes for the intervention performed that would indicate success (what intervention(s) could be done to address this?)

Take Action

- Implement the interventions that address the hypotheses deemed to be the highest priority (Do what needs to be done! What should be done first?)

Evaluate Outcomes

- Compare the observed outcomes with the expected outcomes (Did the interventions work?)

NOTE: This is very closely-aligned with what you have likely done involving care plans and concept maps during your clinical rotations. DON'T STRESS!