

**Career Development Series**  
**Interpreting Acute Care Dictation #1**

**ANCILLARY MATERIAL**

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**Quick-Reference List of Words and Phrases**

**TRANSCRIPT KEYS**

**History and Physical Examination** (approx. 25 minutes)

1. History and Physical Examination: Nephrotic syndrome with hyperlipidemia. Anxiety disorder. Gastroesophageal reflux disease. Renal biopsy. (3 minutes)
2. History and Physical Examination: Herpetic outbreak. Inability to void. Salpingitis/endometritis. (4 minutes 58 seconds)
3. History and Physical Examination: Possible nonhemorrhagic stroke. (5 minutes 51 seconds)
4. History and Physical Examination: Hematuria. Anticoagulation. Hypercholesterolemia. Hypertension. Thrombocytosis. Anemia. (7 minutes 53 seconds)
5. History and Physical Examination: Dilated cardiomyopathy. Congestive heart failure. Defibrillator. Hypertension. HIV positivity. Hypercholesterolemia. (3 minutes 13 seconds)

**Emergency Department Report** (approx. 13 minutes)

1. Emergency Department Report: Kidney stones. (3 minutes 21 seconds)
2. Emergency Department Report: Constipation. Urolithiasis. (3 minutes 22 seconds)
3. Code Blue Report: Cardiac arrest. Death. (6 minutes 52 seconds)

**Consultation Report** (approx. 15 minutes)

1. Consultation: Migraine headaches. Autoimmune-induced Addison's disease. (7 minutes 37 seconds)
2. Consultation: Back and leg pain. Spondylolisthesis. (4 minutes 13 seconds)
3. Consultation: Cardiomyopathy. Shortness of breath. (1 minute 30 seconds)
4. Consultation: History of patent foramen ovale; on Coumadin. Breast cancer with metastases. (1 minute 20 seconds)

**Discharge Summary** (approx. 152 minutes)

1. Discharge Summary: Low-lying rectal carcinoma. Abdominoperineal resection. (1 minute 42 seconds)
2. Discharge Summary: Closure of loop ileostomy. Repair of incisional hernia. (2 minutes 30 seconds)
3. Discharge Summary: Recurrent malignant pleural effusion. (3 minutes 19 seconds)
4. Discharge Summary: Bronchoscopy. Thoracotomy. Upper lobe lobectomy. Carcinoma, right upper lobe. (4 minutes 58 seconds)
5. Discharge Summary: Pulmonary edema. Asthma. Pneumonia. Shortness of breath. (3 minutes 24 seconds)
6. Discharge Summary: Anemia. Transfusion. Endoscopy. MRCP. (6 minutes 20 seconds)
7. Discharge Summary: Acute cholecystitis. Congestive heart failure. Encephalopathy. End-stage renal disease on hemodialysis. (7 minutes 53 seconds)
8. Discharge Summary: Vaginal delivery. Hypertension. Preeclampsia. Nephrolithiasis. Pyelonephritis. Methamphetamine substance abuse. (5 minutes 24 seconds)
9. Discharge Summary: COPD. Shortness of breath and hypoxia. Anemia. Asthma. Epilepsy. (5 minutes 9 seconds)
10. Discharge Summary: Renal failure and hyponatremia. History of deep venous thrombosis. (2 minutes 13 seconds)
11. Discharge Summary: *Streptococcus viridans* pulmonary abscess and pneumonia. Chronic pain syndrome. Anemia. (3 minutes 15 seconds)
12. Discharge Summary: Dilation of bladder neck contracture, bladder tumor, TURP. (8 minutes 10 seconds)
13. Discharge Summary: Right foot plantar infection. (3 minutes 35 seconds)
14. Discharge Summary: Threatened preterm labor. Genital herpes. Group B strep. (4 minutes 32 seconds)
15. Discharge Summary: Cancer of unknown primary. *C. difficile* diarrhea. Rash. (4 minutes 28 seconds)
16. Discharge Summary: Colonic obstruction. Colon carcinoma. (3 minutes 28 seconds)
17. Discharge Summary: Hepatoma. Deep venous thrombosis, portal vein thrombosis. (6 minutes 47 seconds)
18. Discharge Summary: Hormone-refractory prostate cancer. Encephalopathy. (3 minutes)

19. Discharge Summary: Repair of severe coarctation of aorta with arch hypoplasia. (3 minutes 20 seconds)
20. Discharge Summary: Extensive metastatic bladder cancer. Possible sepsis. *C. difficile* colitis. Atrial fibrillation. (8 minutes 24 seconds)
21. Discharge Summary: Headache. Status post cord untethering. (2 minutes 5 seconds)
22. Discharge Summary: Labor at 41 weeks. Gestational hypertension. Cesarean section for arrest of descent. (4 minutes 16 seconds)
23. Discharge Summary: Labor at 40+ weeks. Spontaneous rupture of membranes. Cesarean section for arrest of descent in OP presentation. (3 minutes 28 seconds)
24. Discharge Summary: Urinary retention. Prostate cancer. Renal insufficiency. (2 minutes 2 seconds)
25. Discharge Summary: Suspected bacterial endocarditis. (5 minutes 10 seconds)
26. Discharge Summary: Nonunion of tibia and fibula. (2 minutes 59 seconds)
27. Discharge Summary: Abdominal pain. Suspected chronic pancreatitis. Status post tympanomastoidectomy. (7 minutes 12 seconds)
28. Discharge Summary: Gastroenteritis with possible fluid overload. (5 minutes 1 second)
29. Discharge Summary: Erythema in gastric cardia. Erythema in antrum. Scalloping of duodenum. (4 minutes 48 seconds)
30. Discharge Summary: Chest pain and shortness of breath, resolved. (5 minutes 26 seconds)
31. Discharge Summary: Stage IV lung cancer. Dyspnea. Anemia. (1 minute 23 seconds)
32. Discharge Summary: Intertrochanteric fracture of hip. ORIF. (3 minutes 57 seconds)
33. Discharge Summary: Infected total knee. Status post incision and drainage. (6 minutes 15 seconds)
34. Discharge Summary: Pyelonephritis. Nephroureteral stent. (4 minutes 33 seconds)
35. Discharge Summary: Myocardial infarction, congestive heart failure. Ureteroscopy. Cardiac catheterization. (3 minutes 37 seconds)

**Hyperbaric Treatment Report** (approx. 2 minutes)

1. Hyperbaric Treatment Note: Wagner grade 3 diabetic foot ulcer. (1 minute 11 seconds)
2. Hyperbaric Treatment Note: Type 2 diabetic ulcer, controlled. Ulcer of the foot/toe. (1 minute 16 seconds)

**Total length of 49 reports: approx. 192 minutes = 3 hours**