

Medically Fragile Infants & Children: Nursing Considerations

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Length: 2 hours

Program Description: This lecture is an overview of the most common diagnoses leading infants and children to present with medical fragilities. These diagnoses will include children with severe neurologic impairments, congenital anomalies, complex cardiac conditions, and severe autism with global developmental delays. Challenges for managing these children's activities of daily living within the school system will be discussed as well as their complex medical needs, technological dependence issues, and functional limitations.

Learning Objectives: At the end of this program, participants will be able to:

- Identify the most common types of diagnoses resulting in medically fragile children
- Identify more serious complications of these diagnoses that require assessment and triage by the nurse.
- Identify common challenges in activities of daily living for each of the diagnoses discussed.

Audience:

School Nurses, Pediatric RNs, LPNs, APNs, Nurse Educators, and those working in home healthcare