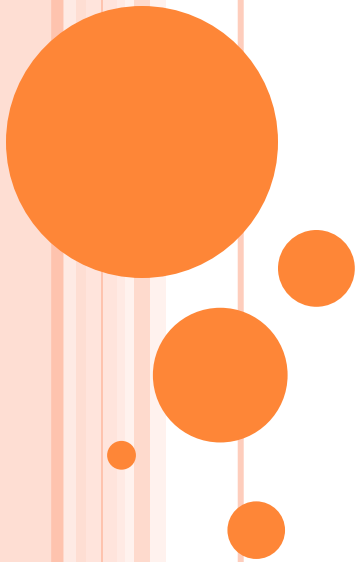


# CHAPTER 14:

## SETTING MEANINGFUL PRIORITIES



# SETTING PERSONAL PRIORITIES

- Something you do every day
- Making meaningful and efficient decisions
- Change by drift when you fail to set priorities
- Utilize personal values system to set priorities
- Create a personal mission statement



# APPLICATION OF MASLOW'S AND WATSON'S THEORIES

- Determine priorities based on whether an activity is urgent or merely important (Maslow)
- Meet the priority within Watson's framework of caring



# PRIORITY SETTING IN THE CLINICAL ARENA REQUIRES TEAMWORK

- Often more difficult to set professional priorities than personal
- Dilemmas occur frequently
- Decision-making processes and teamwork are important in setting priorities in the clinic



# NEED FOR PRIORITY SETTING

- Monumental importance
- One constant in health-care system: tomorrow it will change
- Must be a lifelong learner
- Share knowledge and skills
- Role model



# IT STARTS WITH THE ABILITY TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS

- Decision making
  - Three basic considerations
    - Can be made based on laws, policy, and procedure mandates
    - Can be made in an emergency based on your knowledge
    - The decision you have time to process before making it
  - Identifying the decisions within these categories will assist in making the decision
  - Ability to make meaningful decisions depends upon your knowledge base



# IT STARTS WITH THE ABILITY TO MAKE GOOD DECISIONS (CONT'D)

- Decision-making steps with time to process
  - Define the problem
  - Determine the most desirable outcome
  - Research solutions for the problem
  - Evaluate the alternative solutions
  - Select a solution and implement it
  - Evaluate the solution selected for effectiveness

