Step 1

Use lay descriptors and professional judgement to determine the patient's level of acuity

Level of Care =

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Step 2

Refer to clinical descriptors to support professional judgement

Level of Care =

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Step 3

Use nursing theme descriptors as guidance to determine the patient's level of need

Remember a patient can be at different levels of care in each of the nursing themes

Assessment and Observation	Respiration	Personal Care, Nutrition and Hydration	Cognition and Communication	Medication
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Step 4

Aggregate information from steps 1, 2 and 3

Then make a professional judgement on the level of care best describing the patient

Level of Care =