Objective 3.01
Understanding Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services
Diagnostic Services professionals create a picture of the health status of patients at a single point in time.
Therapeutic Services

Therapeutic Services professionals change the health status of the patient over a period of time.
Career Responsibilities: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services

- Plan patient care
- Implement patient care
- Evaluate patient care
Career Responsibilities: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services

Plan patient care

• Work within scope of practice for career area
• Determine if a request is appropriate for patient
• Include patient in plan of care
• Develop a plan to meet patient’s needs
• Assemble appropriate materials
Career Responsibilities: Diagnostic and Therapeutic Services

**Implement care**

- Check physician’s order
- Verify patient identification
- Evaluate for contraindications
- Obtain patient’s consent
- Properly prepare patient
- Perform care in an orderly manner
- Perform procedure according to standards
- Use equipment as recommended by manufacturer
- Monitor patient’s condition throughout procedure
- Modify care as required for patient
Evaluate care

- Patient response to treatment and/or procedure
- Implementation of the procedure
- Function of equipment
- Personal performance
- Analysis of information gathered
- Revision of treatment plan based on information gathered

Evaluation is a continual process