

Scenario #8 Samantha



You are the nurse on a busy Medical/Surgical Unit. Samantha, a 25 yr old female was admitted yesterday following surgical repair of a left tibia/fibula fracture. You are her nurse, and you ask her how she is feeling. She also tells you how she broke her leg. You ask her if she needs pain medication.

“Those pain pills help some, but my Teddy Bear works even better. My sweetie brought over this silky blanket, too. I wrapped it around my broken leg and it really helps. It’s scary being in the hospital instead of with my boyfriend.”

“I accidentally kicked the fireplace yesterday when I was yelling at him. He was being a meanie and said I needed to pick up some of the mess in the house. He makes me so mad sometimes! See these cuts on my arms? I cut myself with a knife when he first complained about the garbage piling up.”

“Did you say I **can’t** have more pain pills yet? I need pills for anxiety, too. That worthless Dr. promised he would give me as much medication as I need. But it was a lie. And that worthless Dr. didn’t order any pills to help me relax? Can’t you see I’m suffering? If I don’t get my pills, I’m going to start throwing things. The other nurses give me my pain pills early if I need them! I’m going to report you both to the authorities.”

“Get out of here and leave me alone. I don’t need this place. I’ll call my boyfriend to come and take me home.”