



NANDA INTERNATIONAL Position Statement #2

The Structure of the Nursing Diagnosis Statement When Included in a Care Plan

NANDA International believes that the structure of a Nursing Diagnosis as a statement including the Nursing Diagnosis label and the 'related to' field as exhibited by defining characteristics is an effective teaching strategy.

However, the complexity of such statements may be impractical in clinical practice and the use of just the label may be acceptable. Furthermore, some electronic care plan systems may not facilitate the inclusion of related factors.

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NANDA International's mission is to facilitate the development, refinement, dissemination and use of a standardized nursing diagnosis terminology.