



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 diagnosis label and the related factors as exhibited by defining characteristics is best clinical practice, and may be an effective teaching strategy.

The accuracy of the nursing diagnosis is validated when a nurse is able to clearly identify and link to the defining characteristics, related factors and/or risk factors found within the patient's assessment.

While this is recognized as best practice, it may be that some information systems do not provide this opportunity. Nurse leaders and nurse informaticists must work together to ensure that vendor solutions are available that allow the nurse to validate accurate diagnoses through clear identification of the diagnostic statement, related and/or risk factors and defining characteristics.

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