

General Debriefing Questions

for Nursing Simulation



This handout provides structured questions for facilitating reflective discussions after a simulation experience. The questions are divided into three phases: Gather, Analyze, and Summary. These can be adapted based on the clinical context and learning objectives.

Gather Phase	Analyze Phase	Summary Phase
GOAL: Help learners process initial emotions and experiences. • How are you feeling after that simulation? • What were your first thoughts once the scenario ended? • Was there anything surprising or unexpected during the experience? • What was the most stressful moment for you?	GOAL: Encourage critical thinking Clinical Decision-Making. • What were your priorities during the scenario? • How did you decide what actions to take? • What clinical cues influenced your decisions? • Did anything in the scenario change your plan of care? Teamwork & Communication • How well did the team communicate? • Were roles and responsibilities clear? • What could have improved team collaboration? Technical & Psychomotor Skills • Were there any procedures or skills you found challenging? • Did you feel confident using the equipment and technology? Knowledge & Preparedness • Did you feel prepared for the situation? • Was there any information you wish you had during the scenario? Patient Safety & Advocacy • How did you ensure patient safety? • Were there any safety risks you noticed during the simulation?	GOAL: Consolidate learning and plan for future practice. • What are your key takeaways from this experience? • What would you do differently next time? • How can you apply what you learned today in your clinical practice? • What would you like to learn more about based on this scenario?

Note to Facilitators: Feel free to select or modify questions based on learner level, objectives, and scenario complexity.