

PREFERENCES FOR COMMUNICATION BOARD IN CRITICAL CARE UNIT

Appendix A: ALL WORDS INCLUDED BY NURSES AND PATIENTS

Word list before seeing the Vidatak EZ Board				Word list after seeing the Vidatak EZ Board		
Nurses (n = 30)		Patients (n = 10)		Word list	Nurses	Patients
Words	Frequency	Words	Frequency			
1. pain	30	1. need	19	PLAN OF CARE		
2. comfort	12	2. assistance	8	1. This board belongs to	24	10
3. thirsty	10	3. can't	7	2. Yes	30	10
4. hungry	9	4. want	6	3. No	30	10
5. time	9	5. reassurance	5	4. Please explain	28	9
6. want	9	6. explain	5	5. I need reassurance	25	10
7. cold	7	7. don't	5	6. Where	28	8
8. family	6	8. understand	4	7. When	30	10
9. anxious	5	9. frustrated	4	8. What	30	9
10. better	5	10. medication	4	9. Stop	26	10
11. water	5	11. paper	4	10. What is the plan?	27	9
12. need	5	12. feel	4	11. When can I go home?	27	9
13. worried	4	13. pain	4	12. How	27	9
14. number	4	14. talk	4	13. Why	28	10
15. don't	4	15. pen	4	14. Who	29	10
16. okay	4	16. uncomfortable	3	15. Continue	26	10
17. date	4	17. procedure	3	16. How am I doing?	27	9
18. turn	4	18. getting	3	17. Thank you	29	9
19. feel	4	19. needle	3	18. I love you	14	7
20. suction	3	20. hungry	3	19. I want pain medicine	26	10
21. breathe	3	21. please	3	THIS PART (OF MY BODY)		0
22. bedpan	3	22. speech	3	20. Itches	29	9
23. please	3	23. noisy	3	21. Stings	26	8
24. sleep	3	24. help	3	22. Hurts	30	10
25. warm	3	25. turn	3	23. Cramps	30	9
26. wife	4	26. walk	3	24. Can't move	30	10
27. know	3	27. wash	4	25. Is numb	28	10
28. day	3	28. food	3	26. Aches	28	8
29. medication	2	29. eat	3	27. Burns	30	9
30. procedure	2	30. see	3	28. Is tender	27	10
31. exchange	2	31. therapist	2	THE PAIN IS		
32. visiting	2	32. machines	2	29. Constant	26	9
33. explain	2	33. headache	2	30. Intermittent	24	7
34. control	2	34. breathe	2	31. Radiating	24	2
35. husband	2	35. unsure	2	32. Throbbing	25	9
36. morning	2	36. doctor	2	33. Dull/Aching	23	8
37. feeling	2	37. cramps	2	34. Sharp	26	9
38. doctor	2	38. secure	2	I AM		
39. toilet	2	39. nurses	2	35. Short of breath	30	10
40. tired	2	40. angry	2	36. Frustrated	24	9
41. relax	2	41. drink	2	37. Nauseous	29	10
42. place	2	42. dizzy	2	38. Anxious	29	9

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43. can't	2	43. nurse	2	39. Disappointed	24	8
44. phone	2	44. tired	2	40. Tired	29	10
45. bowel	2	45. warm	2	41. Drowsy	29	9
46. rest	2	46. cold	2	42. Better	30	10
47. name	2	47. kind	2	43. Thirsty	30	10
48. good	2	48. work	2	44. Hot	29	10
49. much	2	49. hair	2	45. Unsure	27	9
50. cell	2	50. sick	2	46. Gagging	21	5
51. well	2	51. bath	2	47. In pain	30	10
52. bath	2	52. move	2	48. Light-headed	28	10
53. pass	2	53. lay	2	49. Afraid	27	9
54. work	2	54. bed	2	50. Lonely	27	9
55. head	2	55. fan	2	51. Angry	26	9
56. hot	2	56. translator/interp reter	1	52. Wet	30	9
57. wet	2	57. environment	1	53. Worse	27	10
58. eat	2	58. procedures	1	54. Hungry	29	10
59. can	2	59. disconnect	1	55. Cold	30	10
60. bed	2	60. open/close	1	I WANT		
61. sit	2	61. appreciate	1	56. To be suctioned	30	10
62. explanation	1	62. difference	1	57. To sit up	30	10
63. underpants	1	63. attention	1	58. Water	30	10
64. distressed	1	64. happening	1	59. Bath	30	9
65. percussion	1	65. upset	1	60. Eyeglasses	29	10
66. experience	1	66. difficult	1	61. Socks	24	6
67. procedures	1	67. emotional	1	62. To make a call	24	8
68. day/night	1	68. different	1	63. To turn right	30	9
69. concerned	1	69. nauseous	1	64. To turn left	30	9
70. cold/warm	1	70. catheter	1	65. Lights off	27	9
71. depressed	1	71. isolated	1	66. Lights on	27	9
72. infection	1	72. friendly	1	67. Lights dim	27	9
73. something	1	73. commode	1	68. It quiet	23	10
74. position	1	74. thirsty	1	69. More control	19	7
75. religion	1	75. machine	1	70. To lie down	30	10
76. mobilise	1	76. worried	1	71. Ice	28	9
77. children	1	77. anxious	1	72. Shampoo	21	7
78. grieving	1	78. curtain	1	73. Hairbrush	26	9
79. full/not	1	79. shocked	1	74. Urinal	27	8
80. happened	1	80. washing	1	75. Call light/TV	28	6
81. restless	1	81. therapy	1	76. To sleep	30	9
82. catheter	1	82. afraid	1	77. To be comforted	25	6
83. up/down	1	83. slowly	1	78. Prayer	29	9
84. commode	1	84. family	1	79. Exercise	28	9
85. clothes	1	85. louder	1	80. Lotion	28	10
86. itching	1	86. repeat	1	81. Massage	25	8
87. visitor	1	87. lonely	1	82. Bedpan	30	10
88. doctors	1	88. needed	1	83. Pillow	30	10
89. urinate	1	89. please	1	84. Blanket	30	9

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90. bladder	1	90. status	1	85. To rest	29	9
91. hunger	1	91. device	1	I WANT TO SEE		
92. danger	1	92. return	1	86. Doctor	30	10
93. wonder	1	93. bedpan	1	87. Nurse	30	10
94. deeply	1	94. change	1	88. Respiratory therapist	22	3
95. garden	1	95. pricks	1	89. Chaplain	25	6
96. breath	1	96. toilet	1	90. Social worker	24	5
97. throat	1	97. brush	1	91. Assistant	21	3
98. scared	1	98. sleep	1	92. My family	30	10
99. things	1	99. teeth	1	93. Physical therapist	28	9
100. become	1	100. tooth	1	I WANT TO CLEAN		
101. blocks	1	101. cloth	1	94. Mouth	30	10
102. coming	1	102. brush	1	95. Nose	30	10
103. safety	1	103. cubes	1	96. Teeth	30	9
104. relief	1	104. speak	1	97. Hands	29	10
105. nausea	1	105. water	1	98. Face	30	10
106. stool	1	106. agree	1	99. Hair	29	9
107. worse	1	107. noise	1	Alphabet Board	24	5
108. month	1	108. back	1	Pain Chart	30	9
109. hello	1	109. stop	1			
110. thank	1	110. diet	1			
111. trust	1	111. time	1			
112. dirty	1	112. soft	1			
113. mouth	1	113. wife	1			
114. signs	1	114. much	1			
115. cover	1	115. book	1			
116. house	1	116. sore	1			
117. needs	1	117. full	1			
118. cough	1	118. home	1			
119. basic	1	119. port	1			
120. Night	1	120. call	1			
121. brush	1	121. face	1			
122. right	1	122. room	1			
123. stand	1	123. busy	1			
124. urine	1	124. sit	1			
125. left	1	125. ice	1			
126. calm	1					
127. wash	1					
128. move	1					
129. hold	1					
130. back	1					
131. call	1					
132. sore	1					
133. sick	1					
134. pipe	1					
135. fine	1					
136. kids	1					
137. legs	1					

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138. else	1					
139. dog	1					
140. tea	1					
141. two	1					
142. yes	1					
143. one	1					
144. see	1					
145. bum	1					
146. ice	1					
147. lay	1					