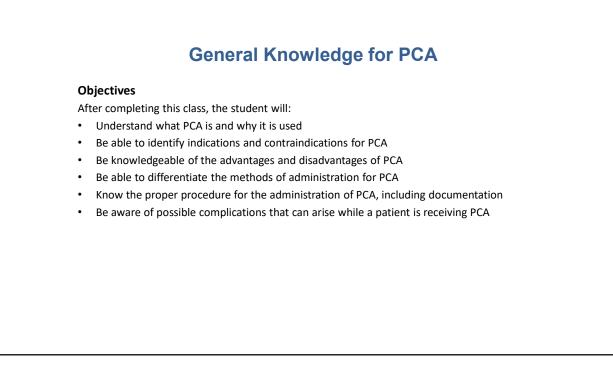
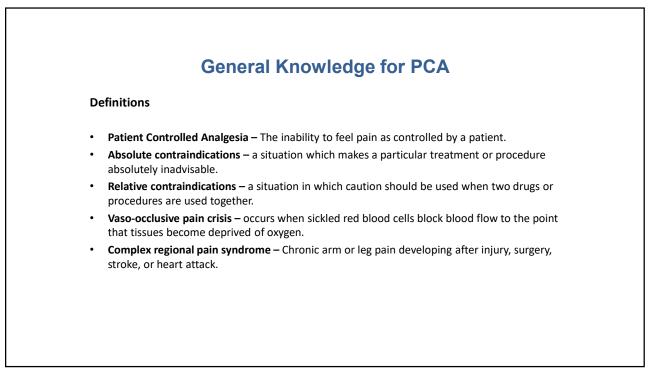
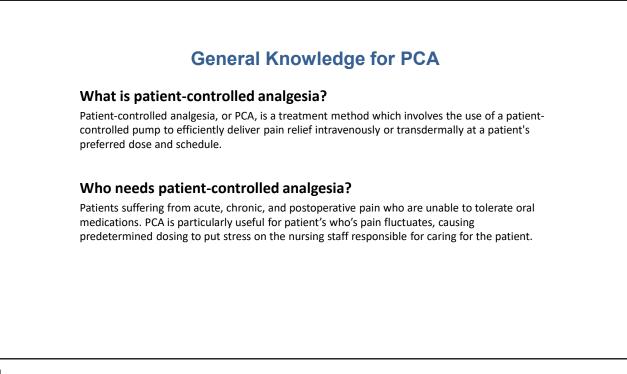
Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) for

Pain Management









General Knowledge for PCA
Patient controlled analgesia pumps are indicated for managing pain in:
 Patients who suffer from acute pain for whom there is inadequate pain control from the initial opioid administration, as can be caused by:
Vaso-occlusive pain crisis
• Trauma
Pancreatitis
• Burns
 Patients with chronic illnesses suffering from lower levels of constant chronic pain, the most common examples of which being:
Metastatic cancer
Phantom limb syndrome
Complex regional pain syndrome
 PCA pumps are also indicated for post operational patients due to the superior pain control compared to scheduled nursing dosing.

