Long-Term Care Survey Alert

Reader Question: What Is A Nonsensical Response?

Question: I'm having a difficulty understanding what a nonsensical response is. Can you give an example of a nonsensical response that differs from an incorrect answer?

Answer: If you ask the resident, "What year is it now?" and the resident responds "1935," the answer is obviously wrong, but the response is a year. If the resident responded "you look like my daughter," the response would be considered nonsensical since the response does not relate at all to the question. It is important to note that coding incorrect versus nonsensical has to do with whether or not the resident tried to respond in a logical manner based on the resident's ability. If the response does not correlate to the question asked, it would be considered nonsensical.

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