RaSS Pathways for RACHs quick resource guide

The Queensland Health suite of clinical pathways were developed to support Registered Nurses and General Practitioners (GPs) in evidence-based care of acute needs of aged care facility residents and to guide referral to Queensland Health Residential Aged Care Homes (RACH) acute care Support Service (RaSS) teams.

Read the 'How to use the pathways'

Please read the 'How to use the pathways' guide prior to using any of the clinical pathways linked in this booklet.

It is vital to note that these pathways should never replace clinical judgement and that clinicians should always remain within their scope of practice.

Disclaimer:

Any rapid deterioration in condition should be treated with suspicion: the parameters below should not replace clinical judgement and resident's baseline vital signs must be considered when assessing a resident's condition and determining actions to take. Change in residents' behaviours may also be an indication of deterioration and should prompt review of vital signs as below; successive vital sign measurements are more sensitive to change.

If you are concerned about a resident call the GP and discuss

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Recognition of the deteriorating resident

Management of residents with unstable vital signs

Checklist for contacting a GP or RaSS

Anaemia

Acute respiratory infection

Management of COVID-19 exposure or outbreak in RACHs

Behaviours of concern

Cellulitis

Chest pain

Chronic obstruction pulmonary disease (COPD)

Chronic wound assessment and management

Congestive cardiac failure (CCF)

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Constipation

Dehydration and subcutaneous fluids

Deep venous thrombosis (DVT)

End of life management

Falls

Fever or suspected infection

Gastroenteritis

High blood pressure (BP)

Hyperglycaemia

Hypoglycaemia

New or worsened confusion

Pain

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Pneumonia	Shortness of breath (SOB)	Tracheostomy and laryngectomy emergencies
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Urinary catheter insertion or change	Urinary catheter (IDC or SPC): trouble-shooting a blocked catheter	Urinary tract infection (UTI)
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Percutaneous Gastrostomy tubes: Trouble-shooting a blocked Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) / Radiologically Inserted Gastrostomy (RIG)

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RaSS regional details

Cairns

Cairns Hospital Older Persons Integrated Health Service
Phone: 07 4226 9075
Hours of operation: Mon to Sun 8.00am - 4.00 pm

Townsville

Townsville Hospital Frailty Intervention (FIT) Team
Phone: (07) 4433 7533
Hours of operation: Mon to Sun 8.00am -4.00 pm

Mackay

Geriatric Emergency Department Intervention (GEDI)
Phone: 07 4885 5111
Hours of operation: Mon to Sun 7.00am - 10.00pm

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