After-hours Flow chart



Does each resident have an Advanced Care Plan?

for assistance

During the support call Communicate on the phone via the ISBAR format

Assess the patient

» Undertake a nursing assessment, including vital signs.

Identity

- » Who you are/your title.
- » Location of resident.
- » Resident's name and date of birth.

Check resident's preferences

» Advance Care Plan for level of medical intervention and location of care.

Situation

» Main reason/concerns for calling.

Contact

- » GP/covering GP.
- » Medical treatment decision maker/person responsible.
- » Family.

Background

- » How long has the problem been present?
- » Is it new or a recurring problem?
- » Relevant medical history?
- » Advance Care Plan, family, and GP request?

After-hours hotlines

- » Virtual Emergency Care Service (VECS) - Queensland Virtual Hospital - 13 43 25
- » PallConsult's 24-hour Palliative Care Advice
- 1300 725 527

Assessment/Action

- » Main symptoms.
- » Main physical signs.
- » What action has been taken?

Recommendations/Request

» What are you requesting - an assessment or review?

Step 1 - Inform registered nurse in charge.

Step 2 - Registered nurse in charge completes assessment.

Registered nurses can refer to HealthPathways, and the RaSS Clinical Guidelines to assist in assessing, handling, and escalating resident care.

Acute event Meets emergency immediate response criteria.

Palliative care response.

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Call GP, Residential Aged Care Facility Support Service (RaSS), Nurse Practitioner, VECS or ED.

Refer to local service directory for contacts. Unexpected

Refer to resident's Advance Care Plan, anticipatory medication orders, and confirm supply is accessible.

Support, monitor, contact GP or PallConsult, if required.

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Contact family/next of kin.



FNQ HealthPathways Older Persons' Health



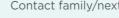
Townsville HealthPathways Older Persons' Health



Mackay HealthPathways Older Persons' Health



Residential Aged Care clinical/ RaSS pathways webpage







Further assessment

required.

Request GP visit

within 24 hours.

Monitor and review.

