

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.



RaSS pathways webpage

To view the full list of clinical pathways visit the [webpage](#) or scan the QR Code

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)



Use your digital device to scan the QR code to link you
to the RaSS Clinical pathways online

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



Urinary catheter insertion or change



Urinary catheter (IDC or SPC): trouble-shooting a blocked catheter



Urinary tract infection (UTI)



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Townsville HealthPathways Older Persons' Health



Mackay HealthPathways Older Persons' Health



Percutaneous Gastrostomy tubes: Trouble-shooting a blocked Percutaneous Endoscopic Gastrostomy (PEG) / Radiologically Inserted Gastrostomy (RIG)



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