



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 $\underline{\text{webpage}}$ 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)



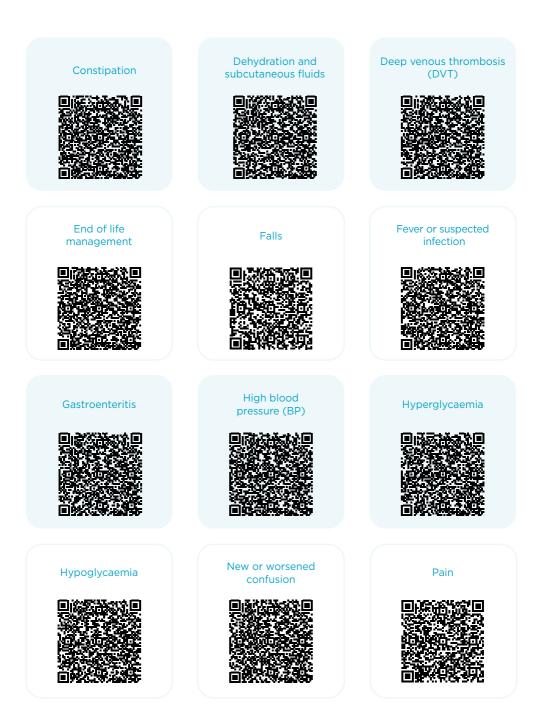
Chronic wound assessment and management



Congestive cardiac failure (CCF)







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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



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

Gastrostomy (RIG)



Cairns Hospital Older Persons Integrated Health Ser
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 Cairns Hospital Older Persons Integrated Health Service

Geriatric Emergency Department Intervention (GEDI) Phone: (07) 4885 5111

Hours of operation: Mon to Sun 7.00am - 10.00pm