

LONG-TERM CARE and MDS RESOURCE LINKS

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Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ) Safety Program for Nursing Homes
<https://www.ahrq.gov/patient-safety/settings/long-term-care/resource/ontime/index.html>

Alzheimer's Association Resources
<https://www.alz.org>

American Geriatrics Society Clinical Practice Guidelines and Tools
<http://www.americangeriatrics.org>

The Society for Post-Acute and Long-Term Care Medical Association;
Clinical Practice Guidelines and Tools (Resources > Clinical Practice Guidelines)
<https://paltc.org/>

American Pain Society
<https://painmed.org/american-pain-society/>

Emerging Solutions in Pain Tools
<https://emerging-solutions.com/>

Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology Practice Resources
<https://apic.org/Resources/Overview>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Infection Control in Long-Term Care Facilities Guidelines
<https://www.cdc.gov/long-term-care-facilities/about/index.html>

State Operations Manual Appendix PP – Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities
<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/provider-enrollment-and-certification/guidanceforlawsAndRegulations/Nursing-homes.html>

Telligen Quality Improvement Organization (QIO) Facility Assessment Tool
<https://www.telligenqiconnect.com/resource/facility-assessment-tool/>

Hartford Institute for Geriatric Nursing (HIGN)
(ConsultGeri Resources > Try This Series and also Geriatric Nursing Protocols)
<https://hign.org>

Institute for Safe Medication Practices
<http://www.ismp.org/>

Research in Gerontological Nursing
<https://www.healio.com/nursing/journals/jgn>

University of Missouri's Geriatric Examination Tool Kit
Multiple assessment tools
<http://geriatrictoolkit.missouri.edu/>

LINKS SORTED BY MDS 3.0 SECTIONS

SECTION B. HEARING, SPEECH, AND VISION

Try This: Hearing Screening in Older Adults—A Brief Hearing Loss Screener
(Go to ConsultGeri Resources> Scroll to bottom for Try This Series; Choose General Asmt, type in "hearing" in search)
<https://consultgeri.org/try-this/general-assessment/issue-12.pdf>

Vision and Dementia
<http://www.visionaware.org/info/emotional-support/for-family-and-friends/guidance-for-caregivers-of-individuals-who-are-blind-or-visually-impaired/tips-for-vision-loss-and-dementia/1235>

Visual Changes in Dementia Patients
<https://www.agingcare.com/articles/visual-changes-in-dementia-patients-205658.htm>

SECTION C. COGNITIVE PATTERNS

ALZHEIMERS: Alzheimer's Disease – 10 Warning Signs
https://www.alz.org/alzheimers-dementia/10_signs

Alzheimer's Disease
http://www.alz.org/national/documents/topicsheet_alzdisease.pdf

Stages of Alzheimer's Disease
http://www.alz.org/national/documents/topicsheet_stages.pdf

FDA-Approved Treatments for Alzheimer's
http://www.alz.org/national/documents/topicsheet_treatments.pdf

Barbara Broyles Alzheimer and Dementia Training Program for Nursing Assistants
<https://oklahoma.gov/content/dam/ok/en/health/health2/documents/barbara-broyles-alzheimer-and-dementia-training-program-for-nursing-assistants.pdf>

DEMENTIA: Guideline for Alzheimer’s Disease Management
<https://www.alzheimersla.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/Professionals-Guideline-FullReport-CA.pdf>

DELIRIUM: Comparison of the Clinical Features of Delirium, Dementia, and Depression
https://rnao.ca/sites/rnao-ca/files/Recommendation_Comparison_Chart.pdf

Common Risk Factors and Underlying Medical Conditions Associated With Delirium
<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC10768493/>

Delirium Tip Sheet: Acute Intervention Checklist
https://pcl.psychiatry.uw.edu/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Delirium_Tip_Sheet.pdf

SECTION D. MOOD

DEPRESSION: *Aging: Suicide and the Elderly*
<https://www.agingcare.com/Articles/Suicide-and-the-Elderly-125788.htm>

Geriatric Depression Scale (Short Form)
http://geriatrictoolkit.missouri.edu/cog/GDS_SHORT_FORM.PDF

Clinical Process Guideline: Depression
<https://www.apa.org/depression-guideline>

SECTION E. BEHAVIOR

DEMENTIA How to Respond When Dementia Causes Unpredictable Behaviors
<https://www.seniorguidance.org/senior-living/how-to-deal-with-dementia-behavior-problems/>

WANDERING: Wandering Behavior—Preparing for and Preventing It
<https://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving/safety/wandering>

SECTION F. PREFERENCES FOR CUSTOMARY ROUTINE AND ACTIVITIES

CMS: Person-Centered Care

<https://www.cms.gov/priorities/innovation/key-concepts/person-centered-care>

Pioneer Network: Culture Change

<https://www.pioneernetwork.org/culture-change/what-is-culture-change/>

Tip Sheet: Using Person-Centered Language

https://www.resourcesforintegratedcare.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Using_Person_Centered_Language_Tip_Sheet.pdf

SECTION GG. FUNCTIONAL STATUS

MOBILITY: Improve Balance in 10 minutes

<https://chairfitcamp.com/motivationalvideo/improve-your-balance-in-10-minutes/>

Mobility Decline Prevention

<https://www.nia.nih.gov/news/maintaining-mobility-and-preventing-disability-are-key-living-independently-we-age>

BATHING: Bathing

<https://www.alz.org/help-support/caregiving/daily-care/bathing>

Dementia and Bathing: Tips for Caregivers

<https://www.nccdp.org/dementia-and-bathing-tips-for-caregivers/>

SECTION H. BLADDER AND BOWEL

Urinary Incontinence in LTC Guidelines (AMDA)

<https://www.clearchoicehc.com/pcp/files/CPG/CPG-Urinary-Incontinence.pdf>

SECTION I. ACTIVE DIAGNOSES

ICD-10 CMS ICD-10 Coding

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Coding/ICD10/index.html>

HEART: Heart Failure Society of America (Patient Hub)

<https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/full/10.1161/CIR.0000000000001309>

**KIDNEY
DISEASE**

Top 10 Takeaways for Management of Chronic Kidney Disease
<https://kdigo.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/03/KDIGO-2024-CKD-Guideline-Top-10-Takeaways-for-Nephrologists-Management.pdf>

DIABETES

Clinical Guidance for Diabetes
<https://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/hcp/clinical-guidance/index.html>

SECTION J. HEALTH CONDITIONS

PAIN:

Pain Assessment in Advanced Dementia (PAINAD) Scale
<https://geriatrictoolkit.missouri.edu/cog/painad.pdf>

Pain Management for Older Adults
<https://hign.org/consultgeri/resources/protocols/pain-management-older-adults>

Pain Assessment and Management in Older Adults: UCLA Intensive Course
<https://medschool.ucla.edu/sites/g/files/oketem456/files/media/documents/Angela%20Yeh%20Pain%20Management%20in%20Older%20Adults%20Geriatric%20Intensive%20Course.pdf>

Pain Management
<https://geriatricpain.org/clinicians/pain-management>

FALLS:

Clinical Practice Guideline: Evaluation of Falls/Risks
<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC3717891/>

Try This: Fall Risk Assessment for Older Adults: The Hendrich II Fall Risk Model
<https://hign.org/sites/default/files/2022-11/Hendrich%20II%20Fall%20Risk%20Model.pdf>

Falls: Chair Exercises for Seniors
<https://www.seniorfitness.org/chair-exercises-for-seniors/>

Post Falls Investigation Report
<https://blog.healthpropress.com/2018/01/after-the-fall-a-step-by-step-approach-to-post-fall-assessment/>

SECTION K. SWALLOWING/NUTRITIONAL STATUS

Clinical Process Guideline: Altered Nutritional Status

(Go to Resources > Clinical Practice Guideline)

<https://paltmed.org/sites/default/files/2024-10/Altered%20Nutrition%20Status%20CPG%2008092024.pdf>

Try This: Assessing Nutrition in Older Adults

<https://hign.org/consultgeri/try-this-series/assessing-nutrition-older-adults>

Try This: Eating and Feeding Issues in Older Adults With Dementia, Part I

<https://hign.org/consultgeri/try-this-series/eating-and-feeding-issues-older-adults-dementia-part-i-assessment>

Try This: Eating and Feeding Issues in Older Adults with Dementia, Part II

<https://hign.org/consultgeri/try-this-series/eating-and-feeding-issues-older-adults-dementia-part-ii-interventions>

Interventions to Improve Hydration in Older Adults

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC8537864/>

SECTION L. ORAL/DENTAL STATUS

OK Senior Smiles Toolkit

<https://oklahoma.gov/health/services/children-family-health/dental-health-service/ok-senior-smiles-project.html>

Try This: The Kayser-Jones Brief Oral Health Status Examination (BOHSE)

https://hign.org/sites/default/files/2020-06/Try_This_General_Assessment_18.pdf

Oral Health for Older Adults: Quick Tips

<https://odphp.health.gov/myhealthfinder/doctor-visits/regular-checkups/oral-health-older-adults-quick-tips>

SECTION M. SKIN CONDITIONS

Braden Scale for Predicting Pressure Sore Risk

https://www.in.gov/health/files/Braden_Scale.pdf

Try This: Predicting Pressure Ulcer Risk

<https://hign.org/consultgeri/try-this-series/predicting-pressure-injury-risk>

NPIAP Pressure Injury Training

<https://learn.npiap.com/products/npiap-pressure-injury-training-modules-1-3-2024-release>

Turning and Repositioning

https://www.medline.com/media/assets/pdf/OTH_SH_Turning_Repositioning_ebook.pdf

Clinical Fact Sheet: Quick Assessment of Leg Ulcers

https://hqin.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/PU-Clinical-Fact-Sheet-Leg-Ulcers_6.21.21_508.pdf

PUSH Tool

<https://npiap.com/page/PUSHTool>

Pressure Ulcer Category Staging Illustrations

<https://npiap.com/general/custom.asp?page=PressureInjuryStages>

The Role of Nutrition in Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment

<https://pmc.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/articles/PMC5930532/>

SECTION N. MEDICATIONS

Drug Classifications

<https://www.drugs.com/drug-classes.html>

Drug Reference

<https://globalrph.com/>

USP Pharmacological Classification of Drugs

<https://www.usp.org/health-quality-safety/usp-drug-classification-syste>

Directions: Scroll to the bottom of this webpage and click on the pdf download for “USP DC”.

Medline Plus

<https://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/druginformation.html>

Beers Criteria for Potentially Inappropriate Medication Use in Older Adults

<https://my.clevelandclinic.org/health/articles/24946-beers-criteria>

SECTION O. SPECIAL TREATMENTS, PROCEDURES, AND PROGRAMS

Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious Agents in Healthcare Settings (2007) [Also review [Updates to this guideline.](#)]

<https://www.cdc.gov/infection-control/hcp/isolation-precautions/index.html>

A Unit Guide to Infection Prevention for Long-Term Care Staff

<https://www.ahrq.gov/hai/quality/tools/cauti-ltc/modules/resources/guides/infection-prevent.html>

Toolkit to Reduce CAUTI and Other HAIs in LTC

<https://www.ahrq.gov/hai/quality/tools/cauti-ltc/index.html>

MRSA Change Strategies

<https://www.ahrq.gov/hai/tools/mrsa-prevention/toolkit/key-strategies.html>

HAND HYGIENE: Guideline for Hand Hygiene in Health Care Settings

<https://www.cdc.gov/clean-hands/hcp/clinical-safety/index.html>

SECTION Q. PARTICIPATION IN ASSESSMENT AND GOAL SETTING

Planning for Your Discharge: A checklist for patients and caregivers preparing to leave a hospital, nursing home, or other health care setting.

<https://www.medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/11376-discharge-planning-checklist.pdf>

CULTURE CHANGE: CONSISTENT ASSIGNMENT

<https://www.pioneernetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Consistent-Assignment-Tip-Sheet.pdf>

END OF LIFE CARE

Clinical Process Guideline: End of Life Care

<https://ltctoolkit.rnao.ca/clinical-topics/end-of-life-care>

Grief Worksheets (Potential Inservice Material)

<https://www.therapistaid.com/therapy-worksheets/grief/none>

QUALITY MANAGEMENT

AHRQ Ways to Approach Quality Improvement: Rapid Cycle to Achieve Results

<https://www.ahrq.gov/cahps/quality-improvement/improvement-guide/4-approach-qi-process/sect4part2.html>

MDS Quality Measures User's Manual:

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/NHQIQualityMeasures.html>

SNF Quality Reporting Program

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/Skilled-Nursing-Facility-Quality-Reporting-Program/SNF-Quality-Reporting-Program-Overview.html>

SNF Quality Reporting Program Questions

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/quality/snf-quality-reporting-program/faqs>

GENERAL RESOURCES

Oklahoma State Department of Health-QIES Help Desk

❖ MDShelp@health.ok.gov

❖ Phone: 405.426.8160

MDS 3.0 RAI Manual

<https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Quality-Initiatives-Patient-Assessment-Instruments/NursingHomeQualityInits/MDS30RAIManual.html>

QIES TECHNICAL SUPPORT OFFICE (QTSO)

<https://qtso.cms.gov>

HARP/iQIES/CCSQ Help Desk

HARP Login: <https://harp.cms.gov/login>

HARP Training Videos

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLaV7m2-zFKphoCXj7slx2G1fwMZQQ0EJP>

iQIES Login:

<https://iqies.cms.gov/iqies>

CCSQ Help Desk (HARP and iQIES assistance/iQIES Idea Portal)

https://cmsqualitysupport.servicenowservices.com/ccsq_support_central

Care Compare (Nursing Homes):

<https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/>

CMS Five-Star Quality Rating System

<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/health-safety-standards/certification-compliance/five-star-quality-rating-system>

Five-Star questions, comments and ideas

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SNF Value-Based Purchasing Questions

SNFVBP@rti.org

SNF Quality Reporting Program (QRP)

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