

Evidence-Based Clinical Assessment Toolkit

Continence Assessment Pack - Basic







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Tool	Download
ACFI Urine Record	This assessment is available from the ACFI Assessment Pack @ https://www.dss.gov.au/our-responsibilities/ageing-and-aged-care/aged-care-funding/residential-care-subsidy/basic-subsidy-amount-aged-care-funding-instrument/aged-care-funding-instrument-acfi-assessment-pack
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Screen Questions

	YES	NO	DK
Does the person have a diagnosis of urinary incontinence?			
State source:			
Does the person have a diagnosis of faecal incontinence?			
State source:			
Does the person regularly/ frequently use suppositories?			
State source:			
Does the person regularly/ frequently use enemas?			
State source:			

Document No: ___ **Continence Screening Form** To be completed within 48 hours of resident's admission or if there is a change ID LabeL in their continence status. If the resident is unable to answer these questions, please complete using your observations or by asking a family member or other staff member. Date: / / Bladder Health Yes 1. Does the resident go to the toilet more than 6 times ☐ No in the day to pass urine? ☐ Don't know Yes 2. Does the resident get up more than once during the No night to pass urine? Don't know Yes 3. Does the resident leak urine? □ No ☐ Don't know Yes 4. Does the resident have any other bladder problems No (ie. difficulties passing urine and/or pain)? Don't know **Bowel Health** Yes **5.** Has the resident lost control of or leaked bowel □ No motions? Don't know Yes **6.** Does the resident have any other bowel difficulties No (ie. constipation or diarrhoea)? Don't know Pad Usage Yes

If you ticked Yes or DoN'T kNow to any of these questions, please:

Complete Bladder Chart and Bowel Chart

7. Does the resident wear pads?

8. Does the resident have to change his/her

bladder or bowel leakage or soiling?

underclothes or wear protection because of

□ No

☐ Yes

☐ No

Don't know

Don't know

Three Day Bladder Chart

Document No: _		
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Please complete details for each time the resident passes urine.

Complete each day for 3 complete days (identify which day)

ID LabeL

Day		Date		<u> </u>		_
Time		Drinks (amt, type)	Continent Yes/No (ie. In toilet)	Incontinent Yes/No Degree of wetness: Pad only. Pad & underwear. Pad, underwear & outer clothing.	No. of pad and/or clothing changes	Comments (assoc. circumstances, effect on daily activity)
(Example)	0800	Cup of tea	No	Yes- pad only	1 change of pad	unable to get to toilet
Waking to morning tea						
Morning tea to lunch						
Lunch to afternoon tea						
Afternoon tea to dinner						
Dinner to bed						
Overnight						

Seven Day Bowel Chart

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Please complete details for each time the resident has a bowel movement.

ID LabeL

Date	shift	Time	Type of bowel movement (refer to Bristol Stool Form Scale)	Incontinent of stool Yes/No	Number of pad/ clothing changes (identify pads or clothing or both)	Comments (associated circumstances/effects on daily activities/laxative use)
	am					
	pm					
	night					
	am					
	pm					
	night					
	am					
	pm					
	night					
	am					
	pm					
	night					
	am					
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	night					
	am					
	pm					
	night					
	am					
	pm					
	night					

The Bristol stool Form scale (Use this as a guide to the stool type)



Separate hard lumps like nuts (hard to pass)



Type 2 Sausage-shaped but lumpy



Type 3
Like a sausage but with cracks on its surface



Type 4 Like a sausage or snake, smooth and soft



Type 5 Soft blobs with clear-cut edges (passed quickly)



Type 6 Fluffy pieces with ragged edges, a mushy stool



Type 7 Watery, no solid pieces ENTIRELY LIQUID

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Continence Assessment Form and Care Plan

RESIDENT ID

Date:/						
Refer to "Education Guide" for further information on assessment cues and care options						
SECTION A: Toileting abilit	ty, Cognitive skills & Mobility					
 Best practice recommendations Encourage residents to participate as Consider each residents personal pref 	much as possible in toileting activities to remain optimal mobility and independence ferences for continence care					
Assessment Cues (tick appropriate response)	Care Options (tick appropriate care option)					
1. Does the resident know when to go to the toilet? Yes Sometimes No	If sometimes or no: ■ Identify behaviours showing that the resident may need to go to the toilet (eg restlessness) (List possible cues) ———————————————————————————————————					
2. Can the resident tell you where the toilet is? Yes Sometimes No	If sometimes or no: Show/remind the resident where the toilet is Ensure toilet is easy to identify Leave the toilet light on					
3. Can the resident walk to the toilet independently? Yes, independently Sometimes No, requires supervision No, requires physical assistance No, requires lifting equipment N/A, unable to use toilet	If sometimes or no: ☐ Place the resident close to the toilets ■ Place the following ambulation aids close to the resident ☐ Wheely frame ☐ Pick up frame ☐ Gutter frame ☐ Walking stick ☐ Wheel chair ☐ Other ☐ Supervise ☐ Prompt ☐ Physically assist the resident to walk to the toilet ■ If physical assistance is required, provide: ☐ 1 staff member ☐ 2 staff members ☐ Lifting equipment ☐ Other					
4. Can the resident get on and get off the toilet independently? Yes, independently Sometimes No, requires supervision No, requires physical assistance No, requires lifting equipment N/A, unable to use toilet	If sometimes or no: ■ Encourage the resident to use the following assistive devices □ Handrails □ An over the toilet seat frame □ A donut □ Other □ □ Supervise □ Prompt □ Physically assist the resident to get on and off toilet ■ If physical assistance is required, provide: □ 1 staff member □ 2 staff members □ Lifting equipment □ Other □					
5. Can the resident undress and dress themselves before and after toileting? Yes, independently Sometimes No, requires supervision No, requires physical assistance No, requires lifting equipment N/A, unable to use toilet	If sometimes or no: Ensure that the resident has clothing that is easy to manage (i.e. elastic waisted pants with no zips). Supervise Prompt Physically assist the resident to adjust their own clothing.					



Assessment Cues (tick appropriate response)	Care Options (tick appropriate care option)					
6. Can the resident use toilet paper and wipe themselves? Yes, independently Sometimes No, requires supervision No, requires physical assistance	If sometimes or no: Supervise Prompt Physically assist the resident to get toilet paper ready and to use it. Supervise Prompt Physically assist the resident to wash their hands at toilet completion.					
7. Does the resident co-operate with staff when they assist with toileting or changing? Yes Sometimes No	If sometimes or no: ■ ask the RN, Continence Nurse or GP about the care required and refer to resident's behavioural management plan.					
8. Does the resident experience pain that restricts their toileting ability? Yes Sometimes No	If sometimes or yes: Check that the resident is getting their pain medication as ordered Limit the resident's movement until pain subsides Offer bedpans, urinals and/or pads If the resident is unable to verbally communicate, search for cues that indicate pain. (List possible cues)					
SECTION B: Bladder & Boy Refer to 3 day bladder chart and 7 day	-					
Best practice recommendations						
■ Aim for the resident to be continent ar	nd to void 4-6 times a day and no more than 2 times at night					
■ Aim for the resident to have a regular	(at least 3 per week) continent, soft formed stool (i.e. Bristol Stool type 3 or 4 that is easy to pass)					
	or them to feel clean and dry with changes of pads soon after each episode					
 Assess residents risk for falling if they 	need to go to the toilet at night					

Assessment Cues (tick appropriate response)	Care Options (tick appropriate care option)								
9. During the day, how many times does the resident need to pass urine/go to the toilet on average (from 7am-7pm)? Less than 3 times 4 - 6 times (normal) More than 6 times	■ If less than 3 times, ask the RN, Continence Nurse or GP about the care required. ■ If more than 6 times, ask the RN, Continence Nurse or GP about the care required.								
10. During the night, how many times does the resident need to pass urine/go to the toilet on average (from 7pm-7am)? None Two or more times	If once or more: Ensure call bell is within reach. Turn night light on. Ensure commode/pan/toilet is near the bed. Turn sensor/s on. If resident is awake, offer toileting assistance. If the resident passes urine two or more times during the night, ask the RN, Continence Nurse or GP about the care required.								



SECTION B: Bladder & Bowel pattern (continued)

Assessment (tick appropriate		onse)				Care Options (tick appropriate care option)																		
leakage during Yes No If yes, how ofter Once et Several	1. Does the resident experience urine eakage during the day?								If yes to urine leakage during the day: Develop and put in place an individualised toileting program Develop and put in place a fixed time toileting program Develop and put in place a pad check and change program															
12. Does the resident experience urine leakage during the night? Yes No If yes, how often? Once every few nights Once a night Several times a night Most or every time						If yes to urine leakage during the night: Develop and put in place an individualised toileting program Develop and put in place a fixed time toileting program Develop and put in place a pad check and change program																		
13. Does the respattern of passileakage)? a) During the olimits No b) During the olimits Yes Yes No No	e [t i [(f yes: Ret coileting f no: Use i.e. at To	g progethe general ending grant general grant gr	grid be every grid be every	elow 4-6 elow 4-6	d on the to many to ma	ne res rk the durin rk the durin	times g the times g the	s for a day) s for a day)	tern. I fixed	l time check	toile:	ting p	orogra	m		indivi	dualis	ed					
Toileting times	mid- night	1 am	2 am	3 am	4 am	5 am	6 am	7 am	8 am	9 am	10 am	11 am	12 noon	1 pm	2 pm	3 pm	4 pm	5 pm	6 pm	7 pm	8 pm	9 pm	10 pm	11 pm
Pad check & change times																								
Assessment Cues (tick appropriate response) 14. Does the need to pass urine or incontinence at night make it difficult for the resident to go back to sleep? N/A No Sometimes Yes						 Of	etimes ace a	s or ye comn	es: node l	beside	e the o	urina	al.		ies to	help	the re	esider	t to re	eturn :	to sle	eep		



SECTION B: Bladder & Bowel pattern (continued)

Assessment Cues (tick appropriate response)	Care Options (tick appropriate care option)
15. Does the resident have a urinary catheter in place? Yes No If yes, is the catheter Suprapubic? Urethral?	If yes, ask the RN, Continence Nurse or GP about the care required and refer to resident's catheter care plan. No assistance required to empty catheter bag Supervise the resident to empty catheter bag Physically assist the resident to empty catheter bag
16. How often does the resident normally use their bowels? Daily to second daily Less than 3 times per week 17. In the past two weeks has the resident leaked, or had accidents or lost control with stool/bowel motion? Yes No	If less than 3 times per week, or if yes to question 17: discuss the following options with RN, Continence Nurse or GP Increase fluid toa day. Increase fibre by Increase mobility (refer to mobility / activity care plan). Medication (as determined by RN, Continence Nurse or GP). Refer for further investigation (i.e. Abdominal X-Ray, GUT motility study). Monitor bowel elimination frequency and stool consistency. Prompt / supervise / assist resident to the toilet ateach day. Encourage the resident to respond to the urge to use their bowels. Supervise / prompt / assist the resident to sit on the toilet and rest their elbows on their knees with their feet flat on the floor or stool to facilitate bowel emptying.
18. Has the resident got any of the following symptoms when they use their bowels? Pain and discomfort Straining Bleeding Hard, dry motions Very fluid bowel motions	If yes to any symptom, ask the RN, Continence Nurse or GP about the care required.
19. Has the resident had a urine test (dipstick) done in the past 28 days? Yes No (this needs to be done) PH SG Blood	If the resident's urine dip-stick shows blood or nitrites or leukocytes or has a pH equal to 8 or above, ask the RN, Continence Nurse or GP about the care required.
Further comments and/or observations	



SECTION C: Nutrition (fluid & diet)

Best practice recommendations

- Aim for the resident to have 5-10 cups of fluid per day unless otherwise indicated & limit known bladder irritants (i.e. coffee, alcohol)
- Aim for the resident to have 30gm of dietary fibre per day unless otherwise indicated

Assessment Cues (tick appropriate response)	Care Options (tick appropriate care option)							
20. Does the resident drink an adequate amount of fluid to maintain hydration and healthy bladder and bowel function? (Refer to 3-day bladder chart and check colour of urine) Yes Sometimes No								
21. Does the resident eat an adequate amount of food with fibrous content to maintain healthy bladder and bowel function? (Refer to nutritional assessment) Yes Sometimes No	If sometimes or no: Refer to resident's nutritional care plan. Encourage the resident to eat cereals, vegetables and fruit regularly. Offer small snacks regularly. Refer to nutritional/swallowing assessment and care plan. Ensure dentures are in at meal times and that they fit.							
SECTION D: Skin care								
Assessment Cues	care Options (tick appropriate care option)							
 Aim for the resident's skin to remain in 								



SECTION E: Medical

(This section may need to be completed by an RN, Continence Nurse or GP)

24. Please indicate whether or not the resident h Delirium Bladder int Atrophic vaginitis Unstable d	ection Cons	tipation Irrital	es of incontinence ble bowel syndrome ged prostate	☐ Medication☐ Restraint use				
25. If yes to any of the conditions, could this condition be causing the residents incontinence? No Yes (please list)								
26. Is there any potential to treat or improve the residents' condition with any of the following options Medication Bladder training Electrical stimulation Pelvic floor muscle training program Referral to: GP Continence Nurse Urologist Geriatrician Gynaecologist Physiotherapist								
SECTION F: Resident Perspectives								
(This section should be complete	ted in conjunction	on with resident	s and/or their fa	mily members)				
 Best practice recommendations Ensure residents and families are given information about healthy bladder and bowel habits If the resident has a low affect and/or is bothered by their symptoms discuss this with an RN or the GP If a continence product is used, ensure that it fits the resident, absorbs any incontinence, and protects the resident's underwear and outer clothing 								
Bladder Function		Bowel Function						
27. If you are experiencing a bladder problem, wh would you prefer? (may tick more than one) No assistance To be assisted to go to the toilet at To wear pads during the day To wear pads during the night To be seen by a specialist for further inv	28. If you are experiencing a bowel problem, what kind of assistance would you prefer? (may tick more than one) No assistance To be assisted to go to the toilet at To wear pads during the day To wear pads during the night To have a laxative To be seen by a specialist for further investigation Other							
29. If you are experiencing a bladder problem, how much of a problem is this for you? No problem Quite a problem Severe problem 30. If you are experiencing a bowel problem, how much of a problem is this for you? No problem Quite a problem Severe problem Quite a problem Severe problem								
31. If you are wearing a continence product, does it keep you dry and comfortable? N/A Yes No If no, would you like to consider other options? Yes No								
Further comments and/or observations								
Staff member completing assessment	Staff member endorsing	g this assessment	Care plan discussed with and agreed to by family Yes No NA					
Name	Name		, – –					
Signature	Signature		Family/Other–Name					
DesignationDate	Designation	Date	Signature					

Continence Care Summary

1. Is the resident: Incontinent of urine Yes No Incontinent of faeces Yes No 3. Behaviours that indicate need to toilet Restless Wandering Pulls at clothes Other 4. Resident's day time toileting / pad check & co	2. What level of assistance is required to support toileting N/A, unable to use toilet No assistance required (is independent) Requires supervision (i.e. prompting, reminding and direction Requires physical assistance One person assist Lifting equipment mange program				assist	al support) Two person assist Other				
7am 8am 9	9am 10am	11am	noon	1pm	2pm	3pm	4pm	5pm	6pm	7pm
Toileting times										
Pad check & change times										
5. Resident's night time toileting / pad check &	change prograi	m								
7pm 8pm 9	9pm 10pm	11pm	midnight	1am	2am	3am	4am	5am	6am	7am
Toileting times										
Pad check & change times										
6. Resident's preferences for continence care (if resident is able to indicate) a) During the day No assistance Assistance to go to the toilet at										
7. Individual requirements for regular bowel el No additional requirements Encourage resident to sit on toilet for Encourage additional Encourage additional Ensure laxative administration (specify	bowel action afte al flui	dietar d	ry (s _i	pecify	fibre	amouni		ecify &		type) type)
8. Individual requirements for skin care No additional requirements Apply	ream after each	pad chan	ge							

