

Medical support checklist

When a resident is unwell complete this before you call for assistance

Introduction

Resident name:

Resident date of birth:

Situation

Main presenting problem:

Background

- ☐ Check resident's advanced care plan for medical treatment preferences including location of care (at home versus hospital)

Have access to the following information:

- ▶ ☐ list of current medical conditions
- ▶ ☐ up to date family, GP and Medical Treatment Decision Maker contact details
- ▶ ☐ up to date medication chart including allergies
- ▶ ☐ the resident's baseline vital signs and functional status (e.g. mobility, transfers)

Assessment

Record the resident's vital signs:

▶ temperature

▶ respiratory rate

▶ other signs and symptoms of concern

▶ blood pressure

▶ oxygen saturation

▶ heart rate

▶ conscious state

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Recommendation

▶ **Low to medium acuity conditions:**

- Contact nurse on-duty and refer to GP/Locum service if required
- Contact Geriatric Outreach Service Teams

▶ **High acuity conditions:**

- For immediate time-critical emergencies call Triple 000

▶ **Palliative Care referral options:**

- **SLHD** After Hours Palliative Care Advice Line on 1300 936 350
- **SESLHD** After-hours palliative care 02 9382 2222

Notes