

# EDDIE<sup>+</sup>

Researching Early Detection of  
Deterioration in Elderly residents

# WORKBOOK

## INTRODUCTION TO EDDIE+ TRAINING SESSION

REGISTERED NURSES & ENROLLED NURSES



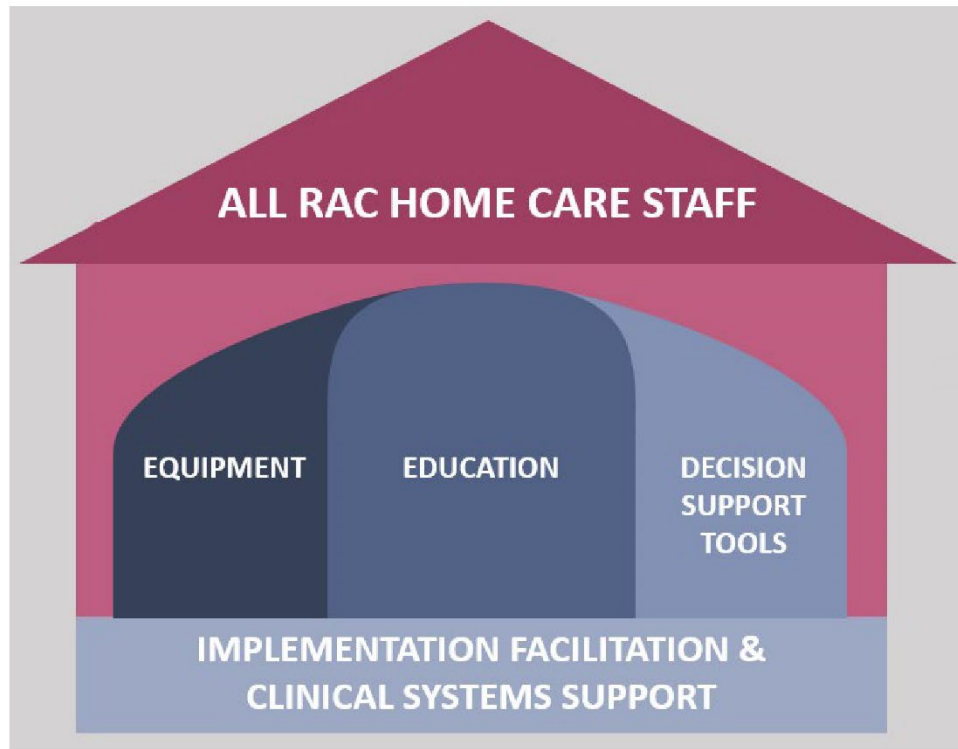
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## ABOUT EDDIE+

The EDDIE+ program is a research project that aims to upskill and support nursing and personal care staff to detect when a resident is in early stages of deterioration and to know what steps to take to best care for that resident. Researchers from the Australian Centre for Health Services Innovation (AusHSI) at the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) are working with participating Bolton Clarke Residential Aged Care (RAC) homes to introduce and run the EDDIE+ program. EDDIE+ is funded by the National Health and Medical Research Council, Medical Research Future Fund, Keeping Australians Out of Hospital Project Grant (GNT1177501).

## THE EDDIE+ PROGRAM COMPONENTS



### EQUIPMENT

- Bladder scanner and vital signs monitors
- Equipment training

### EDUCATION

- Education sessions to upskill nursing and care staff
- Learning resources

### DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS

- Communication tools
- Clinical decision-making guidelines, prompts and resources

### IMPLEMENTATION FACILITATION & CLINICAL SYSTEMS SUPPORT

- On-site EDDIE+ Clinical Facilitator 1 day/week
- Ongoing support activities and resources
- Awareness raising and engagement activities


# INTRODUCTORY SESSION



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**Acknowledgement of Country**

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We acknowledge the First Nations owners of the lands on where we gather today and pay our respects to the Elders, lore, customs and creation spirits of this country.

For thousands of years, the First Nations owners have gathered to share their knowledge and stories.

We pay our respects to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and acknowledge the important role they play within our communities.

We recognise their long and continuing connection to country, the lands, winds and waters throughout Australia.

We recognise that these lands have always been places of teaching, researching and learning.

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**Learning outcomes**

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**Aged Care Quality Standards**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	Review physical, psychological or cognitive changes in residents that may indicate a risk profile for deterioration
	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	Identify key clinical assessments, care and referral/review pathways for residents at risk of deterioration
✓	✓	✓						Use reporting processes and communication tools to support early escalation of resident deterioration

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## Why avoid hospital?

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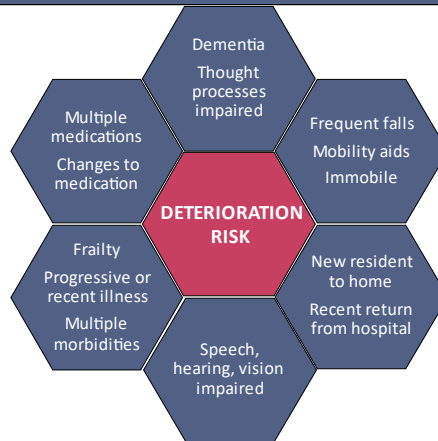
- Increased risk of healthcare associated complications
- Loss of independence
- Deconditioning
- Distress
- Worse or extended illness, delayed recovery
- Decreased quality of life and shortened life span



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## Residents at higher risk of deterioration

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## Noticing changes

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How are they responding to you?

Aggressive, not talking, tired?

Has a family member / carer / advocate told you of a change?

Are they in pain, distressed, confused?

Is this behaviour normal for them?

Are they less active or overactive?

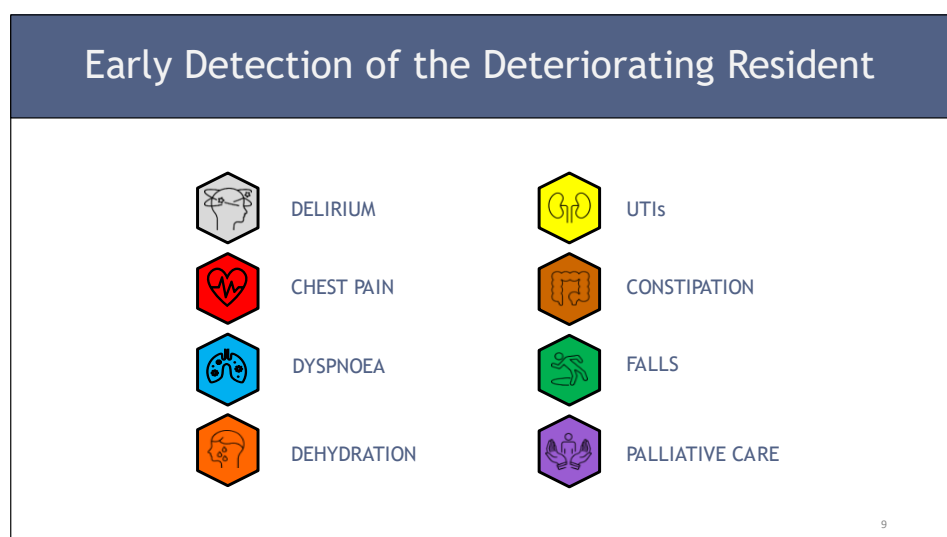
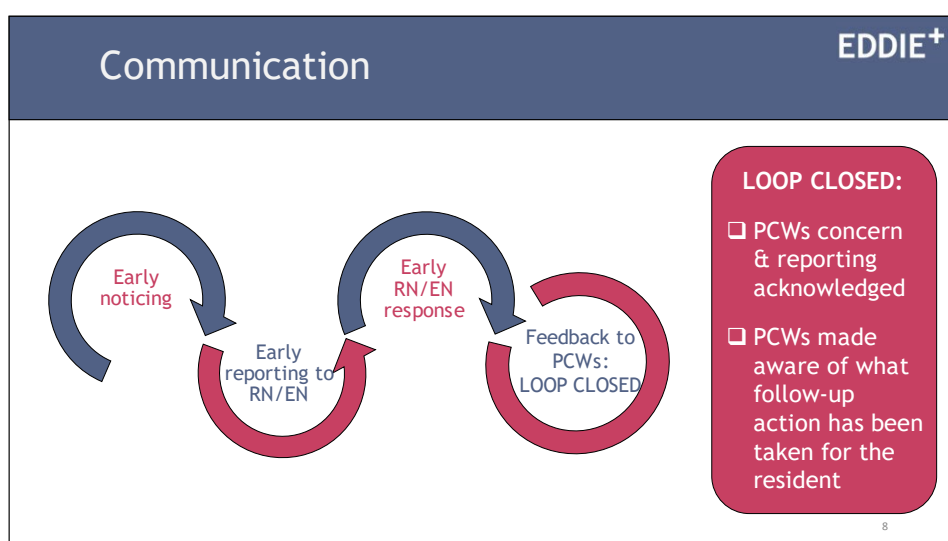
Unsteady on feet?

How is their eating drinking, toileting and sleep?

ALL staff encouraged to report early changes in a resident's condition



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## Clinical response

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### Recognising

What's changed?  
What's been reported?



### Assessments

Signs/symptoms, history  
Physiological effects  
Apply clinical judgment and reasoning

### Care

What actions to take?  
Immediate care & longer term care  
Clinical monitoring

### Referral/ Review

Who to consult?  
Reporting  
Further review and referral  
Check in with PCW

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## Delirium

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### Recognising

- Disturbed cognition and consciousness
- Altered perception, attention deficit
- Abrupt onset
- Hyperactive, hypoactive or fluctuations of both

### Assessments

- Vital signs
- CAM, 4AT, GCS
- Pain Assessment: PQRST, numerical, Abbey, M-RVBPI, PAINAD, McGill
- FBC & bowel chart
- Infection, UTI
- Medication review
- Use of aids
- Sleep patterns
- Head to toe assessment

### Care

- Analgesia
- Hydration, aperient
- Reduce noise/distractions
- Reassurance/reorientation
- Promote sleep/rest
- Falls risk prevention

### Referral/ Review

- GP
- Hospital outreach

Monitor vital signs & cognitive state  
Documentation, handover & inform resident representative



## Chest pain

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### Recognising

- Distress
- Central or tight chest pain, may radiate to jaw or left arm or back
- Heavy feeling on chest
- Nausea
- Sweating
- Reflux
- Dyspnoea
- Agitation

### Assessments

- Vital signs
- Pain assessment: PQRST, numerical, Abbey, M-RVBPI, PAINAD, McGill
- Medication review
- 3 Lead ECG rhythm
- Head to toe assessment

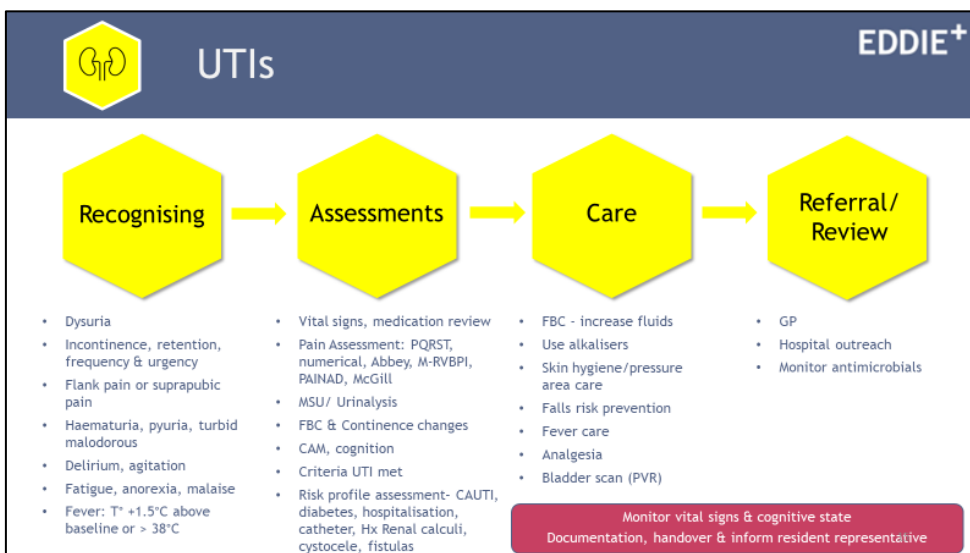
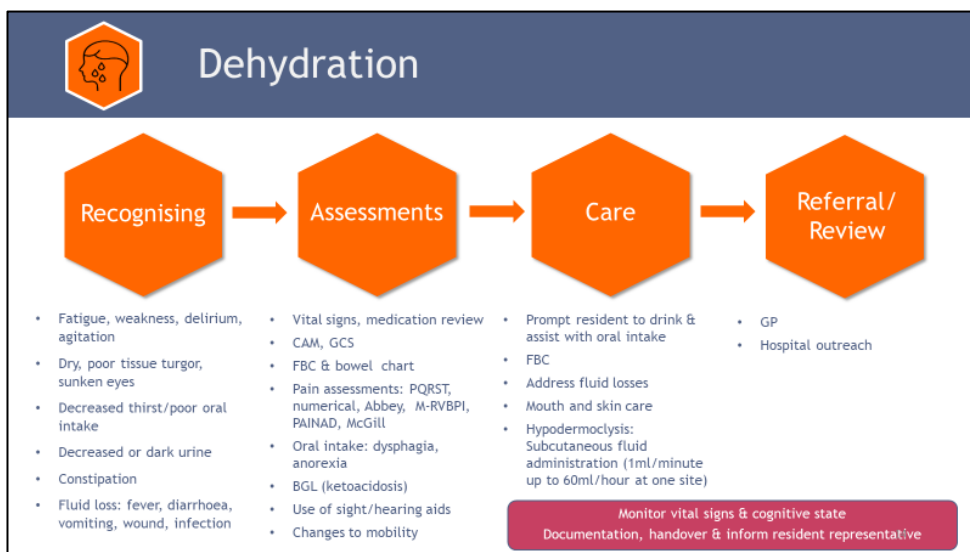
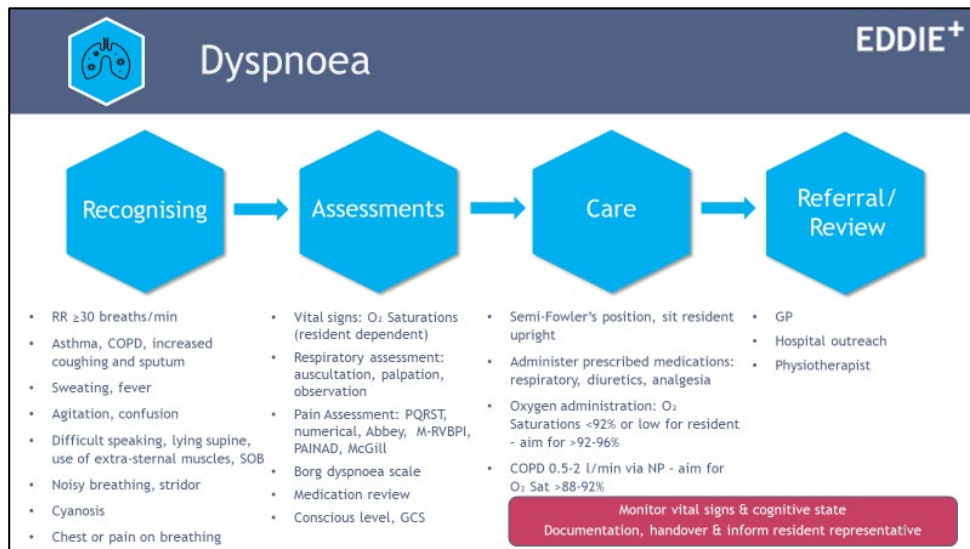
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- Administer GTN & aspirin if not contraindicated
- Analgesia
- Oxygen therapy titrate to 95% or COPD 88-92%
- Lie or sit person down, loosen clothing, reassure
- Review ACP status/ documentation

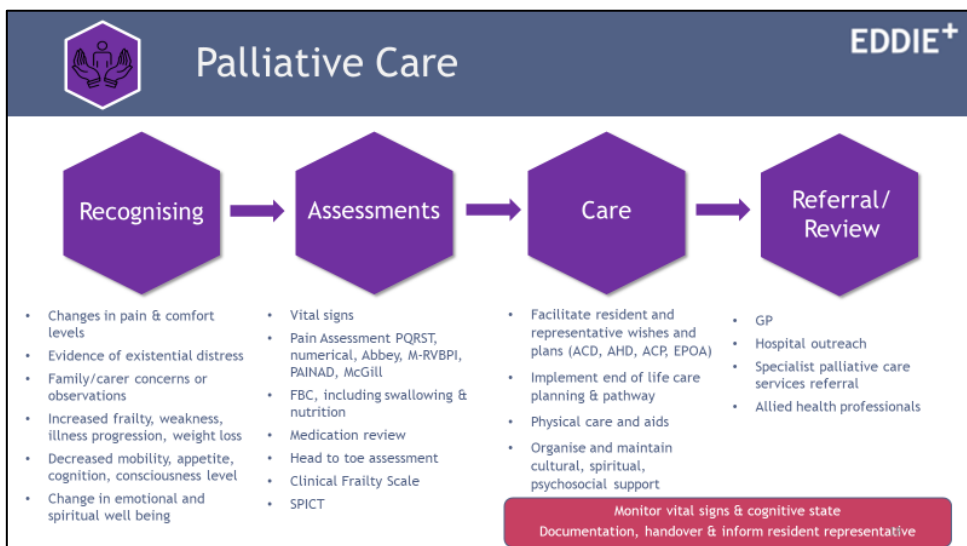
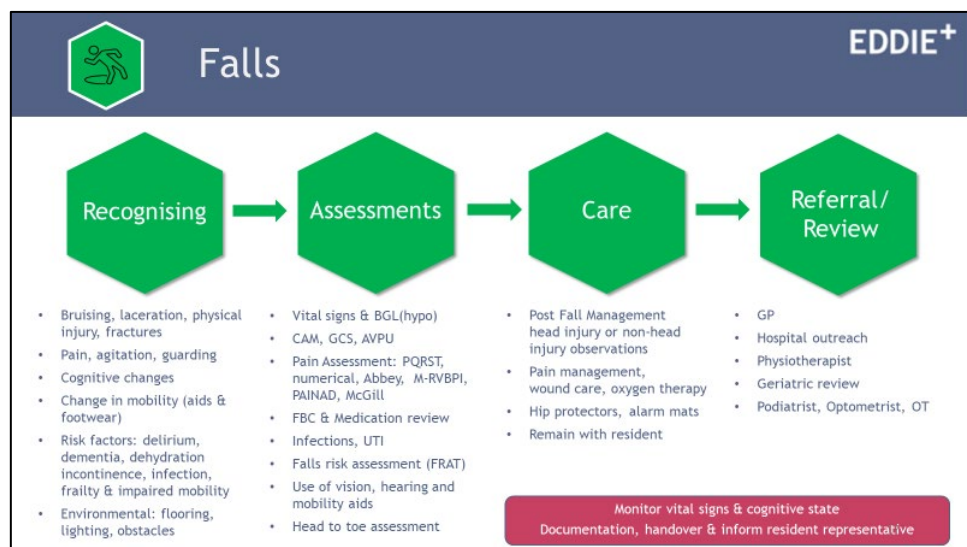
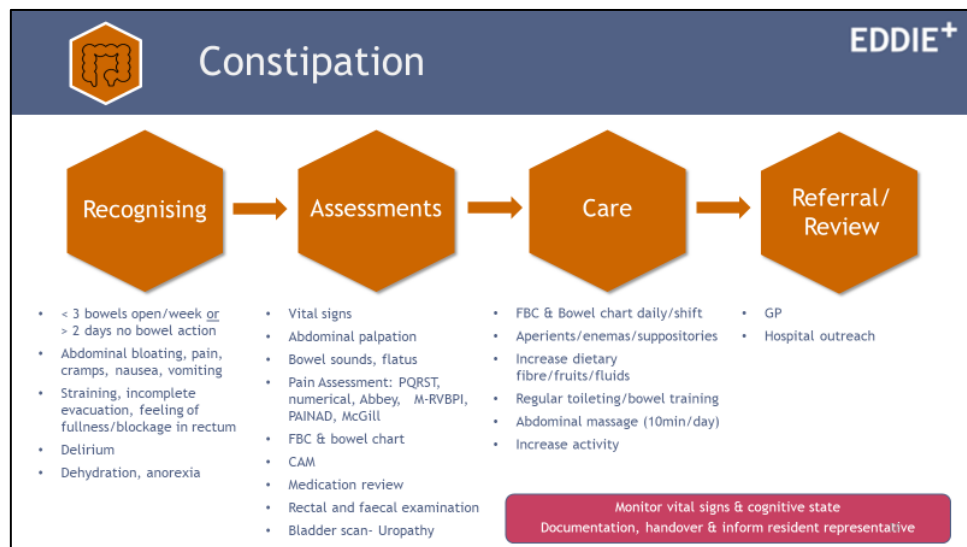
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# Clinical Parameters

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- **Serious/Life Threatening** zone - Do not leave the resident unattended; seek urgent medical review
- **Caution** zone - Increase frequency of monitoring-vital signs assessment; request a medical review
- **Normal** zone - Address any resident complaints or issues

## Remember!

The parameters are a guide  
They do not substitute for clinical judgment or reasoning

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### Deterioration Parameters

CATEGORIES	NORMAL	CAUTION	SERIOUS / LIFE THREATENING
ACTIONS	Look medical number of residents on time	Look medical response frequency of residents	Report medical review Do not leave the resident unattended
HEAT RATE (BEATS/MIN)	50 - 100	40 - 49 or 101 - 120	<40 or >120
SYSTEMIC (mmHg)	110 - 180 (or range specified by GP for resident)	90 - 109 or 181 - 200 (or higher in well residents)	<90 or >200 symptomatic
RESPIRATORY RATE (BREATHS/MINUTE)	10 - 24	6 - 9 or 25 - 30	<6 or >30
O <sub>2</sub> SATURATIONS	92-100% with or without O <sub>2</sub> (or normal for resident)	88-91% with O <sub>2</sub> (or not typical for resident)	<88% with O <sub>2</sub> (or not typical for resident)
RESPIRATORY EFFORT	Typical for resident	Abnormal, laboured or noisy	Abnormal and/or cyanosis with O <sub>2</sub> (or not typical for resident)
TEMPERATURE	36.4°C - 37.7°C	35°C - 35.5°C or 37.8°C - 38°C Temperature baseline <1.3°C	<35°C or >39°C
RESPONDIVENESS	Alert, cognition normal for resident	Not alert, but responds to voice	Responsive to pain only or heavily unresponsive or sudden change in mental state
PAIN	Nil, or tolerable with or without analgesia	Observable discomfort with analgesia	Highly distressed with analgesia
BLOOD GLUCOSE (mmol/L)	4 - 15 (or range specified by GP for resident)	4 - 5.9 or >15 (or range specified by GP for resident)	<4.0 unresponsive to treatment or Persistently >15 in at-risk resident

ADDITIONAL: Standardisation: Deterioration: A guide for staff of EDDIE+ is a guide of deterioration parameters for RN/EN. General Practitioner and Hospital of Health, London 2020

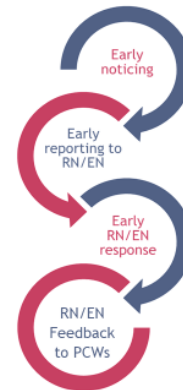
# PCW's- communication tools for reporting EDDIE<sup>+</sup>

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I am **C**oncerned about...

I feel **U**ncomfortable because...

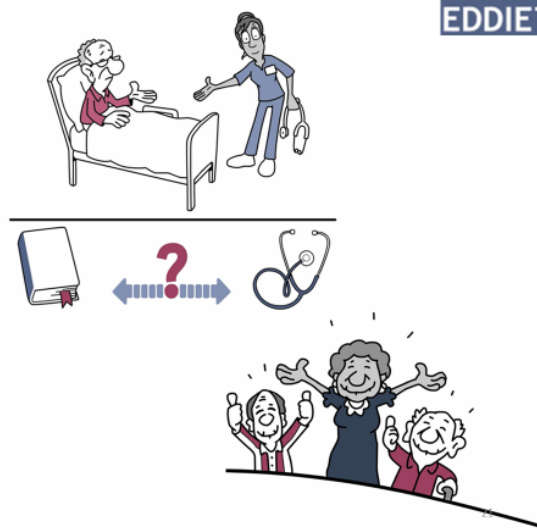
This is a **S**erious/**S**afety issue, can you please...



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From today I will.....



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## RESOURCES

### Key reference

Queensland Health (2019). Management of Acute Care Needs of RACF Residents: a suite of collaborative pathways for General Practitioners and Registered Nurses. Version 21.

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## NOTES