Medical support checklist:

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

Introduction

Resident name:

Date

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Resident date of birth:

Time

: am pm

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

▶ USUAL GCS

▶ CURRENT GCS

▶ blood pressure

▶ oxygen saturation

▶ pain score

▶ heart rate

▶ respiratory rate

▶ other signs and symptoms of concern add to notes overleaf

Glasgow Coma Score

NB. A new GCS < 13 is a criteria for a patient being time critical

E.	Eye Opening	Score	
	Spontaneous	4	
	To voice	3	
	To pain	2	
	None	1	E =
V.	Verbal Response	Score	
	Orientated	5	
	Confused	4	
	Inappropriate words	3	
	Incomprehensible sounds	2	
	None	1	V =
M.	Motor Response	Score	
	Obeys command	6	
	Purposeful movements (pain)	5	
	Withdraw (pain)	4	
	Flexion (pain)	3	
	Extension (pain)	2	
	None	1	M =
	Total GCS (maximum score = 15)		
	(E + V + M) =		

Recommendation

▶ Low to medium acuity conditions:

- Contact nurse on-duty and refer to GP/Locum service if required
- Residential In-Reach (RiR) call 1300 65 75 85 to be directed to your local provider (metro only), or
- Victorian Virtual ED (VVED) register online at vved.org.au (available 24-hours, 7-days)

▶ High acuity conditions:

- For immediate time-critical emergencies call Triple 000

▶ Palliative Care referral options:

- Palliative Care Advice Service (PCAS) 1800 360 000 (available 7am to 10pm, 7-days)

Notes