## MEDICARE DAILY SKILLED CHARTING GUIDELINES

	TYPE OF SKILLED SERVICE	TYPE OF SKILLED SERVICE	TYPE OF SKILLED SERVICE
Physical a	and Occupational Therapy	Speech Therapy	Respiratory Therapy / Impaired Respiratory Status/
~ ~	Describe exactly how the resident performs	<ul> <li>Describe exactly how the resident</li> </ul>	Pneumonia/ COPD
	ADLS. Vital signs	communicates and makes needs known.	Describe skilled trach care rendered and each
>	Describe the amount of assistance provided	Describe skilled nursing interventions used to	incident of suctioning or other techniques
>	Describe how the resident accomplishes the	compensate for speech deficits.	Describe accurately breath sounds over all
	following:	Describe resident's ability to swallow foods and skilled nursing interventions used to	<ul> <li>lung aspects (i.e. wheezes, rales, rhonchi).</li> <li>Vitals (color, chest pain, activity tolerance)</li> </ul>
Bed Mobi	lity, Transferring, Ambulation, Eating	compensate for impaired swallowing abilities.	<ul> <li>Describe respiratory rate, rhythm and quality.</li> </ul>
	g G-Tubes), Dressing/Grooming, , Toilet Use,		<ul> <li>Describe the effectiveness of any respiratory</li> </ul>
Personal		Unstable IDDM	treatments given (Nebulizers, Oxygen, etc.)
≻	Describe exactly how the resident	<ul> <li>Order changes and physician visits (Requires</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe residents comfort level. Describe</li> </ul>
	communicates and makes needs known.	in the past 7days 2 order changes) Describe any skilled nursing interventions used to teach	any changes in LOC, anxiety, change in
>	Falls: include vitals, pain, and any new orders	resident self- administration.	mental status.
	due to the fall (labs, safety, x-ray, med changes etc.)	<ul> <li>Describe any signs and symptoms with</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Lab and x-ray results</li> <li>Antibiotics and response</li> </ul>
>	Hemiplegia/Paresis AND ADL dependence	fluctuating blood sugar levels.	<ul> <li>Nutrition/ hydration skin turgor, edema</li> </ul>
	/. Medication Administration	UTI/ Septicemia	Straight Catheterization / GU Complications
~	Describe nature of medication used (include	Describe antibiotic and effects	Describe nature of resident's condition that
	reason for use) and nursing skills and	<ul> <li>Vital signs I&amp;O (Foley if appropriate)</li> </ul>	warrants the use of straight catheterization
	observations used in administration of	Assessment of affected body system	techniques.
	medication	Presence or absence of bleeding and any	Describe use of sterile technique during
>	Describe effectiveness of medication and any	precautions be taken.	catheter administration.
>	side effects observed. Describe how resident tolerated such therapy	<ul> <li>MD orders and visits</li> <li>Labs/ Diagnostic with response</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe any resident teaching r/t catheter use.</li> </ul>
,	(i.e. IV infiltration, fluid volume overload, pain,	<ul> <li>Mental status changes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe any clinical conditions present that</li> </ul>
	phlebitis, etc.)	<ul> <li>Chills, nausea, vomiting, pain, urgency,</li> </ul>	require skilled nursing observation (such as
		malaise, headache, frequency, dysuria	frequency, dysuria, indicators of UTI, etc.)
Impaired	Cognition/ Behaviors	Constipation/ Colostomy Care	GI Bleed/internal Bleeding/Transfusion
	Describe resident's complaints, symptoms,	<ul> <li>Nausea, Vomiting, Diarrhea, Bowel Sounds,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe amount of fluids/feedings consumed</li> </ul>
-	behaviors and response to treatment plan.	distention, Sudden Weight Loss, Pain, and	<ul> <li>Vital signs.</li> </ul>
>	Physician orders, visits and treatment plan	monitoring for GI bleed (hemocult)	Active bleed in stool, sputum or emesis
>	Skin condition, circulatory status, Nutrition,	<ul> <li>Describe resident's ability to communicate</li> </ul>	(pallor, fatigue, SOB, diaphoresis, low BP,
	weight changes, lab results, discharge plans	and make needs known to staff	high pulse)
>	Adverse reactions to treatment plan or medications	<ul> <li>Describe any adverse effects such as diarrhea, abdominal distension, Cardiac</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe how resident tolerated tube feeding, specifically any adverse effects to feeding</li> </ul>
>	Psych consult and reason for consult	symptoms, abnormal lung sounds.	such as diarrhea, abdominal distension,
Á	Labs and results	<ul> <li>Describe type of ostomy, colostomy site, peri-</li> </ul>	Cardiac symptoms, abnormal lung sounds.
>	Medications and reason for medication	wound, and condition of site.	Describe type of ostomy care rendered
≻	Residnet or families expectation	<ul> <li>Describe any signs of infection</li> </ul>	around G-Tube site and condition of site.
			Describe clinical necessity for G-Tube/J-Tube
-	Nounds or Open Lesions/Burns	Renal Failure/ Dialysis	Cardiac Impairment/ Bleeding Precautions
>	Infection on Foot OR Open Lesion on Foot:	<ul> <li>Describe medication and effects</li> </ul>	Changes in LOC, anxiety or mental status
	Describe all skilled nursing interventions r/t treatment of foot ulcer/lesion and	If dialysis day chart times out the building, where they went and who transported them	Heart Rate and Rhythm, Edema, Chest Pain, Lung Sounds, (Cardiac) Medication Use,
	interventions r/t prevention of further foot	<ul> <li>Vital signs, weight, O2 use</li> </ul>	Rapid Weight Gain, Pedal Pulses, Extremity
	complications.	<ul> <li>Fatigue, pallor, nausea, vomiting, mouth</li> </ul>	Skin Color/Warmth, Capillary Refill,
>	Describe location and nature of wound.	ulceration, fetid breath, disorientation, anxiety,	Pain/Numbness/Tingling.
≻	Describe any pain r/t to surgical wound and	irritability, periorbital edema, pruritus, lower	Presence or absence of bleeding and any
	interventions used to combat pain.	extremity edema, delusions, anorexia,	precautions taken. PT/INR results and med
>	Describe nursing interventions and	drowsiness, coma, muscle twitching, skin	changes. Response to medications
	observations r/t surgical wound healing process	discolorations ➢ Daily weight	Describe resident's conditions and any skilled nursing interventions to improve overall
>	Describe any drainage, areas of increased	<ul> <li>Shunt status +thrill and +bruit</li> </ul>	status
,	erythema, or warmth.	<ul> <li>Do Not take BP inarm</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describe medication and effects Vital signs,</li> </ul>
>	Describe response to any treatments ordered.		weight, O2 use, pacer use
Decubitus	s Ulcers (Stage III or IV or Multi- II's)	Nursing Rehabilitation (As applicable)	Terminal Care
>	Describe condition of wound	<ul> <li>Describe outcome of Insulin Injection</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Vital signs I&amp;O (Foley if appropriate)</li> </ul>
>	Describe response to current treatments	instruction	Pain site, management, and response
>	Describe nursing interventions used to	Describe outcome of colostomy / lleostomy operative	<ul> <li>O2 L/min and delivery device</li> <li>MD orders and visits or communications</li> </ul>
~	prevent further ulcer development Describe skilled nursing interventions used to	<ul> <li>care training</li> <li>Describe outcome of Supra-pubic catheter</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>MD orders and visits or communications</li> <li>Need for suctioning</li> </ul>
, î	aid in wound healing	care training	<ul> <li>Nutrition hydration status</li> </ul>
>	Describe consumption amounts of meals and	<ul> <li>Describe outcome of self-wound care training</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Skin integrity</li> </ul>
· ·	fluids provided.	Describe outcome of medication self-	Change in condition/ Mental status changes
>	Describe overall skin condition	administration training	Family support provided
>	Document any interventions implemented r/t	Describe outcome of stump care training	Radiation or chemotherapy tolerance
	abnormal lab values	Describe outcome of bowel and bladder	Tremors, Convulsions, Ataxia, Anxiety,
>	Describe dietary interventions implemented	training Describe outcome of any skilled teaching	Confusion
		<ul> <li>Describe outcome of any skilled teaching provided to resident</li> </ul>	
New Gastrostomy Tube Feeding		Medically Complex or Unstable Conditions	Cognitive and Behavioral Symptomology
	amount of fluids/feedings delivered	<ul> <li>Fever and Vomiting Present</li> </ul>	(Generally DO NOT enable Medicare Benefits but must be
>	Describe resident's ability to communicate	<ul> <li>Fever and Weight Loss Present</li> </ul>	accurately recorded as they do affect RUG-III Scoring)
	and make needs known to staff	Fever and Tube Feeding	Cognitive Loss
>	Describe how resident tolerated tube feeding	Fever and Diagnosis of Pneumonia present	Signs of Depression
	<ul> <li>specifically any adverse effects to feeding</li> </ul>	Fever and Dehydration Present	Behavior Symptoms Present
	such as diarrhea, abdominal distension,	<ul> <li>End Stage Disease</li> <li>Dehydration</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Hallucinations or Delusions Present</li> </ul>
>	Cardiac symptoms, abnormal lung sounds. Describe type of ostomy care rendered	<ul> <li>Dehydration</li> <li>Radiation Therapy: Neurologic:</li> </ul>	
,	around G-Tube site and condition of site.	<ul> <li>GI: Nausea, Vomiting and Diarrhea,</li> </ul>	
>	Describe clinical necessity for G-Tube/J-Tube	Dehydration	
Fractures		<ul> <li>CV: Circulatory Compromise/Collapse,</li> </ul>	
>	Vital signs I&O (Foley if appropriate)	Anemia	Richter
>	Pain site, management, and response	General: Pain, Skin Irritation, Skin Exposure	UICHTOR
>	Assistance needed with ADL's	to Elements	
A A	MD orders and visits or communications	<ul> <li>Unstable Gastrointestinal Status</li> <li>Unstable Condition Requiring Skilled</li> </ul>	
× ×	Need for suctioning Nutrition hydration status	Medication Administration	
× ×	Skin integrity	<ul> <li>Unstable Neurological Status:</li> </ul>	LTPAC Performance Advisors
>	Change in condition/ Mental status changes		
>	Cast care		Enhancing Outcomes
>	Circulatory checks		
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