

Condition	Assessment	Interventions	Follow-Up/Evaluation
<b>Constipation</b>	<b>Risk Level: Urgent</b>	<b>Immediate Intervention</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reports constipation with severe abdominal pain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Call 911 ~or~</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Transportation to ED confirmed</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Support provided via phone until 911 personnel arrived</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact MD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Home Health staff notified</li> </ul>
	<b>Risk Level: Potentially Urgent</b>		<b>Risk Level: Potentially Urgent</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reports being constipated for 3 or more weeks (<i>new or unusual for client</i>)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reports constipation with abdominal/rectal pain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Make home visit</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Contact MD</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate Home Health Staff notified</li> </ul>
	<b>Risk Level: Non-urgent</b>	<b>Interventions Required</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Reports constipation</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Patient called inquiring about the use of laxatives or enemas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate care with primary nurse</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Schedule on-site visit for next day</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up phone call</li> </ul>

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