



Comprehensive Medical Assessment for residents of aged care facilities

If you have a family member recently admitted or about to enter a residential aged care facility, they may be eligible for an assessment which aims to prevent unnecessary health problems and manage existing conditions. The GP will assess the following aspects of the resident's health:

- ✓ Cardiovascular and respiratory systems, and other systems as indicated;
- ✓ Physical causes of acute and chronic pain;
- ✓ Assessment of the resident's;
- ✓ Physical function, including activities of daily living;
- ✓ Psychological function, including cognition and mood;
- ✓ Oral health, nutrition status and dietary needs;
- ✓ Skin integrity

It is recommended this health assessment be completed as soon as possible after admission to the aged care facility, preferably within six weeks. After the health assessment the patient's GP will provide the following;

- ▶ Summary of the health assessment
- ▶ Develop a list of diagnoses and medical problems based on the medical history and examination
- ▶ Summary of the health assessment
- ▶ Provide a copy of the summary to the residential aged care facility;
- ▶ Offer the resident a copy of the summary.

The health assessment can be repeated every 12 months for eligible patients.

Costs and Information

Speak to the practice reception staff about fees for this health assessment. For more information about the health assessment, please speak to your family member's GP or Practice Nurse.