

Stop & Watch

The INTERACT Early Warning Tool

Benefits

- Improves Patient Safety
- Enhance Documentation
- Promotes Communications
- Reduce Hospitalization

Features

- S&P Check Boxes
- Dashboard Alerts
- User Interface Access
- Printed Form

Stop and Watch Early Warning Tool



If you have identified a change while caring for or observing a resident, please **circle** the change and notify a nurse. Either give the nurse a copy of this tool or review it with her/him as soon as you can.

- S** Seems different than usual
 - T** Talks or communicates less
 - O** Overall needs more help
 - P** Pain – new or worsening; Participated less in activities
 - a** Ate less
 - n** No bowel movement in 3 days; or diarrhea
 - d** Drank less
 - W** Weight change
 - A** Agitated or nervous more than usual
 - T** Tired, weak, confused, or drowsy
 - C** Change in skin color or condition
 - H** Help with walking, transferring, toileting more than usual
- Check here if no change noted while monitoring high risk patient

Patient / Resident

Your Name

Reported to

Date and Time (am/pm)

Nurse Response

Date and Time (am/pm)

Nurse's Name

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What is Stop and Watch?

An early warning communication tool that Certified Nursing Assistants (CNAs) or any other personnel (housekeeping, dietary, family members, volunteers) can use to alert a nurse if they notice something different in a resident's daily care routine.

When should Stop and Watch be used?

Any time a change in condition is identified while caring for or observing a resident.

Why use Stop and Watch?

- Promotes communication with other team members
- May prevent a hospital transfer and improve the overall level of care
- Improves resident safety

How to use Stop and Watch:

Electronically document the change in condition per your facility's policy and procedure and verbally inform the nurse.

