48/6 Core Tools Assessment Algorithm
Updated December 12, 2013

Pre-Admission Screening Questionnaire Completed

Concerns?

YES for Cognition

YES for Medications

YES for Mobility

YES for Nutrition/Hydration

YES for Bowel/Bladder

YES for Pain

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Cognition

Delirium:
- Confusion Assessment Method (CAM)
- CAGE
- Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS)

Mood:
- Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS) [over 65]
- Patient Health Questionnaire-9 (PHQ-9)

Cognitive Impairment:
- Mini cog (includes clock drawing)
- KATZ

Medications

- Adverse Drug Event Tool (3 out of 4 positive screening questions for medications: Notify MRP for risk of Adverse Drug Events)
- Best Possible Medication History
- MedRec

Mobility

- Fall & Injury Reduction Flowsheet
- Mobility Assessment Algorithms

Nutrition / Hydration

- Swallowing Screening Tool
- Malnutrition Screening Tool

Bowel/Bladder

- Bristol Stool Chart
- Further assessment

Pain

- OPQRSTUV
- 0-10 Numeric Rating Scale
- Faces Pain Scale
- Pain AD (for people with moderate to severe dementia)

Further assessment needed?

Secondary Assessment (by specialty areas or professions)

Interprofessional Care and Discharge Plan

Note: For specialized populations or in circumstances where 48/6 core assessment tools may not be appropriate, clinical programs have the option of using program approved assessment tools.