

## **INTERACT<sup>II</sup>** **Care Paths and Change in Condition File Cards**



### **Purpose:**

The purpose of the Care Paths and Change In Condition File Cards is to help guide the assessment and management of common changes in resident status that result in acute care transfers. The 6 Care Paths in the IINTERACT II Toolkit are for conditions that commonly result in acute care transfers.

Consistent use of these tools will help your nursing home:

- Provide evidence-based and expert-recommended assessment and management of common conditions
- Insure timely assessments, contacts with primary care providers, and transfers to the hospital when indicated
- Manage residents in the nursing home when feasible and safe
- Improve the overall level of care provided for residents with acute changes in status

**When to use:** Use the Care Paths and Change in Condition File Cards as a reference and guide when assessing residents with acute changes in status, and determining when to contact the primary provider.

They also are meant to be a resource for completing an SBAR Form and Progress Note.

### **Who to involve:**

These tools are intended to be resources for all licensed nursing staff, as well as primary care physicians, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants. They may also be used by the facility interdisciplinary team to incorporate various aspects into policies and procedures related to clinical care.

### **Helpful Hints:**

- Utilize these tools for educational in-services and refining policies and procedures.
- Do not get hung up on the specifics – you can modify the specific recommendations based on input from your facility's interdisciplinary team.
- Hang the poster with the Care Paths where it is readily accessible when assessing acute changes in status and refer to it as needed.
- Keep one-page copies of each Care Path available in a notebook or on a clip board at each nursing station.
- Put the Change in Condition File Cards at each nursing station near the telephones for ready referral.
- Use a log or other strategy to notify primary care physicians of changes that do not require immediate notification.