



Risk Factors for Pneumonia

Use this list of evidence-based risk factors for identifying residents that are at a higher risk of acquiring pneumonia. If a resident has two or more of these, assessment of possible pneumonia is advised.

Risk
Adults 65 Years or Older
Current/Former Smoker
 Brain Disorders Stroke Head injury Dementia Parkinson's disease
 Weakened Immune System HIV/AIDS Chemotherapy patients Long-term use of steroids
 Lung Diseases Asthma Bronchiectasis Cystic fibrosis Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD)
Other Conditions Diabetes Heart failure Sickle cell disease Liver disease Kidney disease
Residents Who Receive Enteral Feedings (Tube Feedings)
Residents Who Are Malnourished
Residents With Decreased Activity or Bedridden
Residents Who Were Recently Hospitalized
Residents With Poor Oral Hygiene

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