



Emojis of Care

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Elizabeth Brewer, Lead Occupational Therapist and Assistant Director of Rehab, has served the Legend Oaks Katy community for over six years. Beth is passionate about developing programs to enhance a patient's overall quality of life. From this passion, Emojis of Care was born!

Emojis of Care is an icon-based care identification system designed to identify patients'/residents' mobility, weight bearing, hydration, and ADL and dementia levels prior to the initiation of care. This program was developed to increase the overall efficiency and accuracy of care provided by our staff, as well as streamline the communication process with the use of a core set of icons that are easily identifiable.

Fall risk- These individuals are at a higher risk and require extra supervision.

Hydration Program/Thickened Liquids- Maintaining a patient's hydration level is a critical aspect for any all patients in a SNF. It is important to identify patients who can no longer adequately hydrate themselves. By incorporating a hydration program, it helps to reduce risk of UTIs and other health complications. By changing the color of the water droplet it can simply and easily inform staff what thickness of liquids are most appropriate.

Dementia Levels- The Dementia levels are based on Teepa Snow's Gem Model. The model categorizes patients with dementia into six categories based on characteristics specific to each level of cognitive deficits.

Weight Bearing Restrictions/Precautions- Viewing the star as a body, it can be tailored to represent various restrictions and precautions our patients encounter. For instance, drawing a heart in the center of the star could represent a pace maker or sternal precautions. By placing the color for the coordinating precaution on the star it can more fully tell the story of our patient to the staff at a quick glance and improve the overall quality of care.

Emojis of Care can be tailored to the needs of various facilities and can also be incorporated into programs that are already in place.

Example #1

Example #2



Fall Risk



Transfers



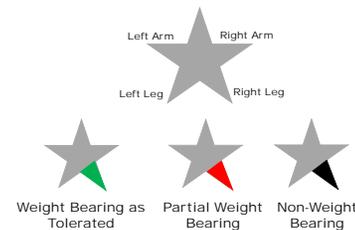
Hydration Program/ Thickened Liquids



Dementia Levels



Weight Bearing Restrictions/ Precautions



Case Study: Ms. Smith, who has Parkinson's Disease, fell in her home and sustained a left hip fracture where she underwent a total hip replacement. She was discharged home. A few days later, she fell and sustained a right hip fracture which was repaired by an ORIF, and she is now partial weight bearing. In the fall, she also sustained, a right humerus fracture and is now non-weight bearing on her right arm.