



Office use only:

Participant ID# _____

Facility ID# _____

RA _____

Date / /

Revised Algae Wandering Scale (RAWS) – Long Term Care Version

Please put a check beside the statement that best describes this resident.

PERSISTENT WALKING

1. Resident has a reduced amount of spontaneous walking

- ☐ walks the same or more as others of the same age and ability
- ☐ walks less than others of same age and ability
- ☐ walks only minimally, e.g. to go to bathroom
- ☐ does not walk spontaneously unless prompted

2. Resident has an increased amount of spontaneous walking

- ☐ walks about the same as others of same age and ability
- ☐ walks distinctly more than average, but will sit for periods
- ☐ walks distinctly more than average, rarely sits
- ☐ walks distinctly more than average, never sits

3. Resident walks about on their own

- ☐ only if prompted
- ☐ occasionally during the day
- ☐ frequently during the day
- ☐ almost constantly during the day

4. Resident walks around restlessly

- ☐ never
- ☐ on a few occasions
- ☐ regularly but not daily
- ☐ on a daily basis

5. Resident paces up and down

- ☐ never
- ☐ on a few occasions
- ☐ regularly but not daily
- ☐ on a daily basis

6. Resident walks around after awakening but before breakfast

- ☐ never
- ☐ less than others of same age and ability
- ☐ the same as others of the same age and ability
- ☐ more than others of same age and ability

7. Residents walks around between breakfast and lunch

- ☐ never
- ☐ less than others of same age and ability
- ☐ the same as others of the same age and ability
- ☐ more than others of same age and ability

8. Resident walks around between lunch and dinner

- ☐ never
- ☐ less than others of same age and ability
- ☐ the same as others of the same age and ability
- ☐ more than others of same age and ability

9. Resident walks around after dinner but before bedtime

- ☐ never
- ☐ less than others of same age and ability
- ☐ the same as others of the same age and ability
- ☐ more than others of same age and ability

ELOPING BEHAVIOUR

10. Resident attempts to leave their authorised area

- ☐ never
- ☐ on a few occasions
- ☐ regularly but not daily
- ☐ on a daily basis

11. Resident runs off

- ☐ never
- ☐ on a few occasions
- ☐ regularly but not daily
- ☐ on a daily basis

12. Resident enters unauthorised areas

- ☐ never
- ☐ on a few occasions
- ☐ regularly but not daily
- ☐ on a daily basis

13. Resident was returned to authorised area after leaving unnoticed

- ☐ never
- ☐ only once
- ☐ more than once, but not often
- ☐ often

SPATIAL DISORIENTIATION

14. Resident gets lost

- ☐ never
- ☐ on a few occasions
- ☐ regularly but not daily
- ☐ on a daily basis

15. Resident cannot locate bathroom without help

- ☐ requires no help
- ☐ sometimes requires help
- ☐ usually requires help
- ☐ always required help

16. Resident cannot locate dining room without help

- ☐ requires no help
- ☐ sometimes requires help
- ☐ usually requires help
- ☐ always required help

17. Resident cannot locate own room without help

- ☐ requires no help
- ☐ sometimes requires help
- ☐ usually requires help
- ☐ always required help

18. Resident walks about aimlessly

- ☐ always has an identifiable destination/goal
- ☐ usually has an identifiable destination/goal
- ☐ sometimes has an identifiable destination/goal
- ☐ never has an identifiable destination/goal

19. Whilst walking alone, resident bumps into obstacles or other people

- ☐ never
- ☐ on a few occasions
- ☐ regularly but not daily
- ☐ on a daily basis

VALIDATION ITEMS

20. Resident is a wanderer

- ☐ definitely not
- ☐ at times
- ☐ yes, but it is not a problem
- ☐ yes, and it is a problem

21. I am

- ☐ a care worker
- ☐ an enrolled nurse
- ☐ a nurse practitioner
- ☐ a registered nurse
- ☐ a social worker
- ☐ a dietitian or dietary aid
- ☐ a physical therapist
- ☐ an occupational therapist
- ☐ an activity therapist
- ☐ a unit clerk
- ☐ other

22. I have worked with this resident

- ☐ only today
- ☐ today and once before
- ☐ several times
- ☐ many times

23. I have attended classes on dementia

☐

never

☐

once

☐

several times

☐

often

24. I consider myself

☐

inexperienced with dementia

☐

a beginner in caring for persons with dementia

☐

experienced in dementia care

☐

an expert in dementia care

Are there any comments you would like to make about this resident

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