

Head Knock Protocol



PURPOSE: STEPS TO TAKE WHEN ADDRESSING FALLS INVOLVING HEAD IMPACT IN NECESSITY ORDER

1. Ensure resident is safe and obtain vitals
2. Notify Nurse and Administrator (note if resident is on hospice to also notify)
3. Check resident for scrapes, bruising, or other visible injuries and report any to nurse and administrator
4. Continue monitoring resident and taking vitals by follow timing on *head knock vitals record sheet*
 - a. If nurse advises to send resident out via EMS, call 911 and report a “Fall with injury to the head and nurse advised to send resident out for further evaluation and the resident’s safety.”
 - b. Contact POA or primary point of contact to notify (this step can be completed by admin if needed)
 - c. Continue vitals as timed on head knock protocol sheet until EMS staff arrives
 - d. Print resident profile sheet by clicking-> resident-> select resident -> choose specific resident-> select print (on the right side, middle page)
 - e. Document all parts of the event as an incident report and fill out entirely with all accurate and factual information as timely as possible including vital signs
5. If nurse advises for resident to stay, continue vitals as written on head knock protocol vitals sheet
6. Notify nurse and administrator with any abnormal vital signs, increase in pain, or with any other resident concerns
7. Document all parts of the event as an incident report in the resident’s record and fill out entirely with all accurate and factual information as timely as possible including vital signs

Contact Info:

Building RN: _____

Administrator: _____

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Resident Name: _____

Date: _____

(Abnormal Changes)

Protocol Times	Time	Blood Pressure	Oxygen	Pulse	Nurse Notified	Nurse Instructions	Nausea/Vomiting, Blurred Vision?
First set							
15min later							
15min later							
15min later							
30min later							
30min later							
30min later							
30min later							
1hr later							
1hr later							
2hr later							
2hr later							

Staff Signature: _____