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Revised Algase 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

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 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 P. 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
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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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