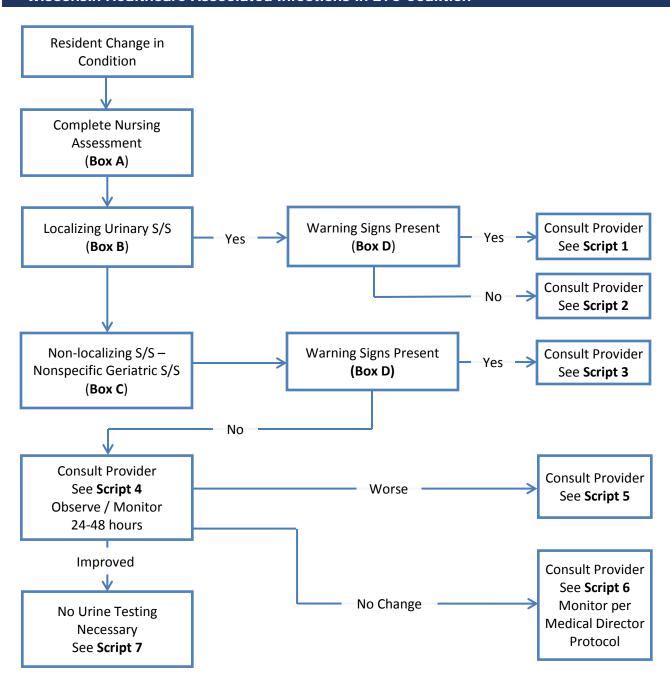


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Box A

Nursing Assessment^{1,2}
Complete Nursing Assessment

See Nursing Assessment on reverse side of this tool

Box B

Localizing Urinary S/S^{3,4}

- Acute dysuria
- New or worsening frequency
- New or worsening urgency
- New or worsening incontinence
- Gross hematuria
- Suprapubic pain
- Costalvertebral angle pain
- New scrotal / prostate pain
- Urethral purulence

Box C

Non-localizing / Non-Specific Geriatric S/S^{1,5,6,7}

- Behavior Changes
- Fever
- Functional Decline
- Mental Status Change
- Falls
- Restlessness
- Fatigue
- "Not Being Her-Himself"

Box D

Warning Signs⁶

- Fever
- Clear-cut Delirium
 - o Altered LOC
 - Disorganized Thinking
 - Psychomotor Retardation
- Rigors (shaking chills)
- Hemodynamic Instability
 - Hypotension
 - o Tachycardia

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Box A - Nursing Assessment^{1,2}

Fever defined as Single oral temperature > 100° F; or repeated oral temperatures >99°F or rectal temperature >99.5°F; increase in temperature of >2° above baseline)

Measure vital signs to include:

- Temperature
- Heart rate
- Blood pressure
- Respiratory rate
- Oxygen saturation
- Finger stick glucose

Assessment to include:

- Conjunctiva
- Oropharynx
- Chest
- Heart
- Abdomen

- Skin (including sacral, perineum, and perirectal area)
- Mental status
- Functional status
- Hydration status
- Indwelling devices if present
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