

Introduction

This manual defines and explains the MDS 3.0 Care Area Assessment Triggers, formerly known as Resident Assessment Protocols (RAPs) with the MDS 2.0. The information and forms included in this book will help to achieve the accuracy of documentation that is essential to quality of care and regulatory compliance.

Supplementary material for Care Area Assessments is included from current federal regulations and guidelines, and includes clinical resources.

CAT summaries are described, and examples are included to elucidate the process.

The 20 CAT Modules in this book are easy-to-use checklists of triggers, and include many other very pertinent MDS items to help make the care-planning decision clearer.

The applicable MDS sections are listed on the left side of the form, and flow alphabetically in MDS order for fast reference.

Ample space is at the bottom of the form for CAT Summary documentation notes.

The CAT Modules are included in the book and on the CD-ROM.