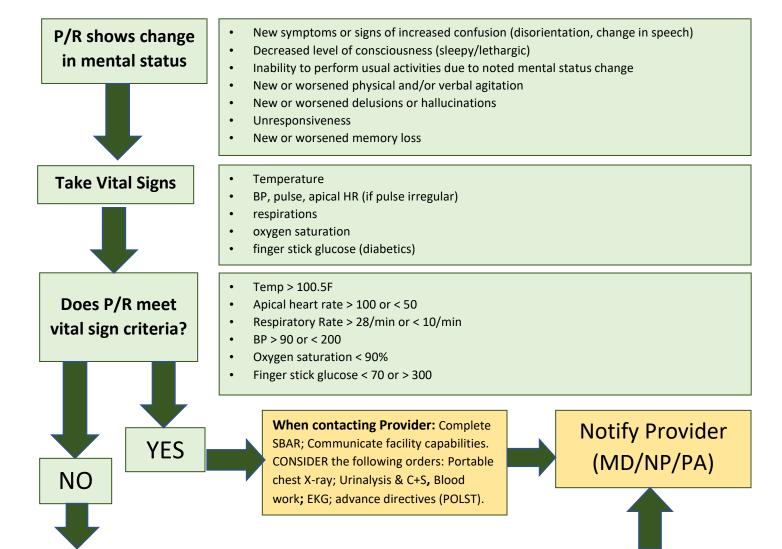
CareChoice Care Path



Acute Mental Status Change



Next steps in Evaluation/Management

- · Decreased eating or drinking: push fluids
- Acute decline in ADL's: evaluate underlying cause
- · Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea: evaluate medication effectiveness, use PRN medications that are available
- Abdominal distension or tenderness: Last BM, use of bowel protocol/medications, evaluate for urinary symptoms; check bowel sounds
- Edema: Measure weights, check oxygenation, h/o CHF?
- New or worsened incontinence, pain with urination, blood in urine: evaluate based on criteria for possible UTI, obtain sample
- Evaluate any medication changes that may contribute to change in mental status; use AMS care path with to determine if changes in medications are negatively impacting P/R
- New skin condition (rash, redness, signs of wound infection): Evaluate underlying contributing factors and begin wound care per facility protocol
- Unrelieved pain: Evaluate cause of pain, administer appropriate PRN medication
- Irregular pulse: Obtain HR, BP, evaluate for signs or symptoms of heart attack or CHF or stroke
- Complete neuro evaluation
- · Check for recent falls