

Stop and Watch

Early Warning Tool

If you have identified a change while caring for or observing a resident/patient, please **circle** the change and notify a nurse. Either give the nurse a copy of this tool or review it with her/him as soon as you can.

- S** Seems different than usual; Symptoms of new illness
T Talks or communicates less
O Overall needs more help
P Pain – new or worsening; Participated less in activities
a Ate less
n No bowel movement in 3 days; or diarrhea
d Drank less
W Weight change; swollen legs or feet
A Agitated or nervous more than usual
T Tired, weak, confused, or drowsy
C Change in skin color or condition
H Help with walking, transferring, toileting more than usual

Check here if no change noted while monitoring high risk patient

Patient / Resident

Your Name

Reported to

Date and Time (am/pm)

Nurse Response

Date and Time (am/pm)

Nurse's Name