

Point of Care Risk Assessments

Understanding this non-linear process

A Point of Care Risk Assessment is a non-linear process.

Ask questions like the ones below throughout patient interactions to help you decide if it's safe.



Person

- What do I need to know about this person?
- What do I see and hear?
- Is there a change in behaviour?



Environment

- Do I have a safe exit?
- Is there a way to get help nearby?
- Have I looked for potential hazards?



Task

- Is my task likely to cause pain or distress?
- Does it need to be done right now?
- What is the person's reaction to this task?



Yourself

- Am I tired, angry, hungry, or frustrated?
- Could anything I am wearing be grabbed?
- Do I feel safe to continue?

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