

# Core Components of the EDDIE Program

## **Decision Support Tools**

- Residential Acute Deterioration Detection Index (RADDI) (Traffic light clinical decision support tool)<sup>1</sup>
- Residential Acute Deterioration Detection Score (R-ADDS) Observation Chart
- Advance Care Planning
- Clinical Management Guidelines targeting site specific conditions leading to transfer
- Use of standard communication tool for written and oral communication Situation, Background, Assessment, Recommendation (SBAR)
- Australian Medicines Handbook (AMH) Aged Care Companion
- Advanced Clinical Policies and procedures developed to support the use of the clinical decision support tools and program pathways.
- EDDIE Survival Guide<sup>2</sup>

## **Advances Clinical Skills Training**

- Mandatory face-to-face workshops that align with Clinical Management Guidelines, RADDI and R-ADDS
- Certificates of Clinical Competence
- Learning portfolio records
- Easy access learning supports

## **Specialist clinical supports**

- Internal stakeholders' engagement and support: Knowledgeable and enthusiastic on-site clinical leader(s); Clinical Champions (optional Nurse Practitioner); executive and facility management commitment support
- External stakeholders' engagement and support: General Practitioners (GP), GP Practice Nurses, Geriatrician NPs, Aged care specialist In-Reach teams

## **Stakeholder support**

- Family and care recipient education and engagement around the subacute care program

## **Diagnostic medical equipment**

- Bladder scanner
- Electro-cardiogram (ECG) Machine
- Vital signs monitor
- Pulse oximeters
- Infusion pumps

# References

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