Long-term Options for Functional Decline — Implementation Plan

The most effective strategy to decrease the challenge of Functional Decline in the long term care setting is to implement a comprehensive Functional Restoration Program that includes routine screening of residents, thorough evaluation, skilled treatment where needed, and careful tracking of outcomes.

Functional Decline Management Plan

Nursing staff regularly screens ALL residents for signs of and risk for functional decline/ deconditioning.

Necessary Elements

Standard Screening Tools Patients at risk for functional decline are referred to therapy for evaluation and management

Necessary Elements

Standard Evaluation Tools PT/OT treats key impairments and manages weakness, atrophy and decreased mobility with one or more of the following: Electrotherapy, Moveo

Necessary Elements

Modalities
Clinical Protocols
Staff Education

Nursing staff continues to screen and/or monitor current and new residents for signs of and risk for functional decline/ deconditioning.

Necessary Elements

Standard Screening Tools

The following is a checklist of recommended action items to complete in order to implement a comprehensive functional decline management care plan.

To do:	Complete	Date	Initial
Adopt and implement Functional Decline policy and procedure			
Agree on outcome variables and tracking tools			
Track outcomes and implement appropriate treatment plan			
Educate facility staff on Functional Restoration program			
Implement staff competency checklist			
Comments:			

