

# Risk Assessment Tool

This risk assessment thinking tool outlines the steps to help you identify, decide, evaluate, document, implement, monitor and review your client care activities and states of health. Your employer or organization may provide additional risk assessment tools.



## STEP 1 Identify the risk

Assess client's current states of health and determine if the client status has changed from previous assessment of **stable or predictable** to **less stable or unstable or less predictable or unpredictable**.



## STEP 2 Decide who might be harmed and how

Is the client at risk due to increasing complex care needs?



## STEP 3 Evaluate risks & decide on precautions

Nurses collaborate or communicate changing client care needs to interdisciplinary care team. Evaluate risk and escalate care to the most appropriate health care professional if required.



## STEP 4 Document findings & implement care

Document your care findings; implement the revised plan of care; continue to collaborate/communicate with interdisciplinary care team to ongoing client needs.



## STEP 5 Monitor & review

Re-evaluate client's states of health (change from **stable or predictable**, **less stable or less predictable**, **unstable or unpredictable**) and determine how the client care needs can be jointly met by the interdisciplinary care team.