

STEP 2: TOILETING MOTIVATION AND PREFERENCE ASSESSMENT

Instructions: For each resident assessed in the prompted voiding trial, ask the following questions both *before* and *after* the trial to assess his or her motivation to use the toilet and to identify preferences for toileting assistance. Our research shows that residents who score two or more on the Minimum Data Set (MDS) recall scale are capable of providing reliable and meaningful responses to these interview questions. Residents who fail this cognitive screen should be excluded from interviews but *should still undergo the prompted voiding trial*.

Resident Name: _____ Staff Interviewer: _____

Date of Interview: ____/____/____
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Check Response

DK=Don't Know NR=No Response or Nonsense Response REF=Refusal to answer question

Interviewer: "*I want to ask you some questions about help with using the toilet.*"

1. Does it bother you to wet in your diaper? ___**yes** ___no ___ DK/NR/REF
2. Do staff help you to the toilet as much as you would like? ___yes ___**no** ___ DK/NR/REF
3. Do you want to be helped to the bathroom more often? ___**yes** ___no ___ DK/NR/REF
- 3a. **If no, ask:** Do you want to be helped to the toilet less often? ___yes ___no ___ DK/NR/REF
4. Do you want to be changed more often? ___**yes** ___no ___ DK/NR/REF
- 4a. **If no, ask:** Do you want to be changed less often? ___yes ___no ___ DK/NR/REF

After the prompted voiding trial, ask this question as well:

5. Do you like the amount of changing and toileting assistance you have received in the last three (or two) days? ___**yes** ___no ___ DK/NR/REF

Scoring: A high motivation to toilet is indicated if a resident gives the answers in bold italics. A low motivation to toilet seems indicated if a resident responds no to questions 1, 3, 4, 5, and yes to questions 3a, 4a, and yes or no to question 2.