

Eli's Hospice Insider

Check Out the Personal Severity Index for Nursing Home Patients

- Age 90 or older
- Cognitive decision making: severely impaired
- Delirium: Periods of lethargy
- Ability to understand: sometimes or rarely
- Transfer (extensive assistance or total dependence or did not occur)
- Locomotion (extensive, total, did not occur)
- Eating (extensive, total, did not occur)
- Personal hygiene (total, did not occur)
- Sad mood (daily repetitive verbalizations and/or something terrible about to happen)
- Acute episode
- Unstable
- Change in care needs (has deteriorated)
- End stage disease
- Bowel (occasional, frequent incontinence)
- Weight loss
- Pressure or stasis ulcers

The above items are on the quarterly and full MDS. Additional items on the full MDS:

- Shortness of breath
- Oxygen therapy
- Problem swallowing
- Time awake afternoon (zero)
- Cardiac dysrhythmia
- Congestive heart failure
- Skin tears or cuts

