

## Long-Term Care Survey Alert

### Resources: Stay Up-To-Date on Pain and Related Survey Concerns

Use these resources to improve quality of care given to residents, especially the elderly.

**Survey and Certification Memo 12-48-NH:** From the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. This memo highlights CMS fairly recent changes to its F309 guidance. Available at [www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-12-48.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/Medicare/Provider-Enrollment-and-Certification/SurveyCertificationGenInfo/Downloads/Survey-and-Cert-Letter-12-48.pdf).

**GeriatricPain.org:** Access evidence-based assessment tools and other checklists here, at no charge.

**Geriatric Pain Knowledge Assessment:** This new tool, available at [geriatricpain.org](http://geriatricpain.org), was developed by experts in the field of geriatric pain and is designed to assess baseline knowledge of important concepts related to pain among older nursing home residents. The creators' goal is to "increase clinical knowledge and improve the quality of care to older adults who experience pain."