

MDS Alert

Reader Questions: Brush Up On What Other Credentials 'Physician' Includes

Question: When I'm working on the Minimum Data Set (MDS), what does the word "physician" encompass? Just MDs and DOs?

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Answer: No. According to the Resident Assessment Instrument (RAI) Manual page 3-4, the term physician "should be interpreted as including nurse practitioners, physician assistants, or clinical nurse specialists, if allowable under state licensure laws and Medicare."