

# CC8 Continence Management Responsibilities

## Purpose

1. To ensure that the continence of all participants is managed and maintained in an appropriate manner providing individual dignity and privacy.

## Alignment with Practice Standards

1. Module 2: Provider Governance and Operational Management
2. Module 3: Provision of Supports
3. High Intensity Daily Personal Activities

## Legislative Alignment

1. National Disability Insurance Scheme Act 2013
2. Work Health and Safety Act 2011 (Cth)
3. Work Health and Safety Regulations 2011 (Cth)

## Key Responsible Executive

Chief Executive Officer

## For More Support

Head of Multidisciplinary Care

## Policy Statement

1. This policy applies to Management, registered nurses, and care staff.
2. Continence is defined as control of bowel and/or bladder elimination.

## Procedures

1. Management will be responsible for the provision of suitable individual continence aids.
2. The clinical care lead will be responsible for documentation of specific known individual continence requirements.

3. The registered nurse will be responsible for implementing a 'Continence Assessment'.
4. Care staff will be responsible for documenting all continence/ incontinence both during initial assessment and during post initial assessment.
5. All registered nurses and care staff will be responsible for assisting (partially/fully) with correct application of appropriate individual participant's continence aids.
6. All registered nurses and care staff will be responsible for assisting with individual participants' continence in a private and dignified manner.
7. All registered nurses and care staff will be responsible for monitoring, reporting and attending to participants' skin integrity.
8. Care staff will be responsible for ensuring all incontinence occurring in recreation/public areas is managed with tact and discretion.

#### References to other SAVVY policies

1. CS3.5 Participant Record Management
2. HR4.17 Information Technology

#### References to other external materials

1. Personal care and clinical procedures manual

#### Supporting documentation

1. Continence assessment chart
2. Nursing continuation notes
3. Care and service plan
4. Bowel management chart
5. Individual pad allocation listing

#### Version Control

1. 1 April 2023 - New Policy Creation