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There are many ways to collect the data to support Section GG. CMS has indicated that section GG should be completed based on the resident’s self-care performance. The collection of data is determined on direct observation, incorporating resident self-reports and reports from qualified clinicians, care staff, or family documented in the resident’s medical record during the assessment period. CMS anticipates that an interdisciplinary team of qualified clinicians is involved in assessing the resident during the assessment period.

Each member of the interdisciplinary team is tasked with understanding the importance and rationale of section GG. A facility will need to develop a process, policy and procedures on the RAI process that highlights the roles and responsibilities of the interdisciplinary team.

3.3.10 Licensed nurse roles and responsibilities.

The unlicensed staff are often required to document the resident’s self-care and mobility activities. The objective for the facility is to provide education and support for the unlicensed nurse to understand the coding definitions for each functional task in section GG.

* Complete competency-based education on each self-care and mobility categories of section GG items.
* Demonstrate proficiency in observing the resident’s performance and incorporating resident and care staff reports on resident’s function abilities.
* Display skills to access tasks on the resident’s functional abilities within the EMR.
* Completes the assigned task by the end of the shift.
* Communicates with the licensed nurse on any changes in the resident’s abilities during the assessment interval.
* Determine the licensed nurse’s ability to communicate workflow barriers in completing section GG.
* Displays the ability to locate information on the resident functional abilities within the electronic medical record.
* Participate in practice coding scenarios applicable to section GG.

**References and Resources**

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