



Questions to ask when touring an assisted living facility.

How will the facility determine if it is the appropriate facility for my loved one's needs, or if another type of facility, e.g., assisted living, would be more appropriate?

How will the facility evaluate my loved one's needs? Who will do the assessment? What are his or her qualifications? How often are reassessments done?

How does the facility help residents maintain their ability to care for themselves, especially toileting, dressing, and eating?

How does the facility accommodate residents with changing needs - what if they need more physical assistance, become confused or incontinent?

What professionals/staff are involved in the development and implementation of the plan?

Does the staff respond quickly when residents push their call buttons?

What health care services are available at the facility: physical therapy? wound care? hospice care? social services? etc.?

Will the staff set up medical appointments for my loved one?

Under what circumstances does the facility call the family? ... the resident's current doctor?

The questions included are intended to serve as a guide, and do not represent an all-inclusive list. For further assistance please contact **Kimberly Smith at **Nursing Analysis & Review**.