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There is a provision for temperatures for heating and air conditioning, but my mother is a resident on the third floor of Rydal Park in Abington. They turn off the air circulation and there is no air moving at all. The "diaper odor" is overwhelming at times due to the stuffy air. At no time should they turn off the air circulation. If a resident is cold, they should be offered a blanket or sweater or both. It is unhealthy to have thirty or more people gathered in front of a TV with no air circulating in the room.

Antipsychotic drugs should not be given by doctors who spend no time with patients to see if they are having bad side effects from the drugs. Nurses should not have the power to say a patient who is unable to function, due to over medication, is doing "great". Great means that the nurses can just sit around talking all day and not deal with the over medicated patients.

Patients should be taken to the bathroom when they ask to go. They should not have to beg on a regular basis.

Soap dispensers should not take 2 weeks to fill, nor should unsafe toilet seats be left unfixed for weeks on end. These things cause safety and health issues.

Stimulating activities should be offered for all levels of patients. The activities on the calendars should actually take place on a regular basis, not just when the state is inspecting a facility.

Inventory should be taken of all drugs. Patients are often over medicated due to lack of oversight.

Quiet time should be provided for patients. They should not all be forced to stay in one room watching TV. There should be a limit to how many hours a patient should be spending sitting in a wheelchair

without foot rests.

Employees who are responsible for providing activities should have some training in appropriate, stimulating activities for all levels of patients.