

Useful Uncertainty Field Notes

Reusable decision template · v1.0.0

A compact worksheet for separating what is known, what you deliberately chose, what you are assuming, and what is still unknown before acting on a decision.

Label	Meaning
Known	Observed or verified information you can point to.
Chosen	A preference, constraint, or policy you intentionally selected.
Assumed	A working estimate or belief that could be wrong.
Unknown	Information you do not have yet; leave it visible instead of converting it to zero.

1. Decision frame

Write the decision in one sentence. Then classify inputs before calculating or comparing anything.

Field	Notes
Decision / question	
Known	
Chosen	
Assumed	
Unknown	
What would change the decision?	

2. Assumption register

An assumption should have a reason, an impact if wrong, and a way to resolve it. If you cannot resolve it now, keep it visible.

Assumption	Why using it	If wrong	How to verify	Status

3. Decision log

Record why you acted with the information available at the time. Later, update the entry instead of rewriting history.

Date	Decision	Basis	Open unknown	Review trigger

Source family: ICU O023 reading work, “A Field Guide to Useful Uncertainty,” plus the O024 visual essay’s Known / Chosen / Assumed / Unknown vocabulary. This template is an O026 original reusable worksheet.