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Functional Independence Measure

Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type: Glossary Item

Synonymous names: FIM

METEOR identifier: 495857

Registration status: Health, Standard 11/04/2014

Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 31/10/2012

Tasmanian Health, Standard 20/12/2016

Definition: An assessment of the severity of patient disability.

Context: The Functional Independence Measure (FIM™) instrument is a basic indicator of

patient disability. FIM™ is used to track the changes in the functional ability of a

patient during an episode of hospital rehabilitation care.

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: Patient function is assessed using the FIM™ instrument at the start of a

rehabilitation episode of care and at the end of a rehabilitation episode of care. Admission assessment is collected within 72 hours of the start of a rehabilitation episode. Discharge assessment is collected within 72 hours prior to the end of a

rehabilitation episode.

Comments:

FIM™ is comprised of 18 items, grouped into 2 subscales - motor and cognition.

The motor subscale includes:

- Eating
- Grooming
- Bathing
- Dressing, upper body
- Dressing, lower body
- Toileting
- Bladder management
- Bowel management
- Transfers bed/chair/wheelchair
- · Transfers toilet
- Transfers bath/shower
- Walk/wheelchair
- Stairs

The cognition subscale includes:

- Comprehension
- Expression
- Social interaction
- · Problem solving
- Memory

Each item is scored on a 7 point ordinal scale, ranging from a score of 1 to a score of 7. The higher the score, the more independent the patient is in performing the task associated with that item.

- 1 Total assistance with helper
- 2 Maximal assistance with helper
- 3 Moderate assistance with helper
- 4 Minimal assistance with helper
- 5 Supervision or setup with helper
- 6 Modified independence with no helper
- 7 Complete independence with no helper

The total score for the FIM motor subscale (the sum of the individual motor subscale items) will be a value between 13 and 91.

The total score for the FIM cognition subscale (the sum of the individual cognition subscale items) will be a value between 5 and 35.

The total score for the FIM instrument (the sum of the motor and cognition subscale scores) will be a value between 18 and 126.

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: Independent Hospital Pricing Authority

Origin: FIM™ is a trademark of the Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation, a

division of UB Foundation Activities Incorporated.

Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre holds the territory license for the use

of the FIM^TM instrument in Australia.

Reference documents: Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation 2009. The FIM System® Clinical

Guide, Version 5.2. Buffalo: UDSMR.

Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre, University of Wollongong 2012.

What is the FIM $^{\text{\tiny{TM}}}$ Instrument? Viewed 19 September 2012,

http://ahsri.uow.edu.au/aroc/whatisfim/index.html

Relational attributes

Metadata items which use this glossary item:

Activity based funding: Admitted sub-acute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2013-2014

Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Standard 11/10/2012

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2014-15
Health, Superseded 13/11/2014

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2015-16
Health, Superseded 19/11/2015

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2016-17 Health, Superseded 03/11/2016

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2017-18

Health, Superseded 25/01/2018

Independent Hospital Pricing Authority, Recorded 04/08/2016

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2018-19
Health, Superseded 17/10/2018

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2019-20 Health, Superseded 18/12/2019

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2020–21 Health, Superseded 05/02/2021

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2021–22 Health, Superseded 20/10/2021

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2022–23 Health, Superseded 20/12/2022

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2023–24 Health, Superseded 06/12/2023

Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2024–25 Health, Standard 06/12/2023

<u>Episode of admitted patient care—clinical assessment score, code NN Independent Hospital Pricing Authority</u>, Standard 30/10/2012

Functional Independence Measure score code N

Health, Standard 18/12/2019
Tasmanian Health, Standard 06/05/2020

 $\underline{\text{Person-level of functional independence}}, \underline{\text{Functional Independence Measure}} \\ \underline{\text{score code N}}$

<u>Health</u>, Standard 18/12/2019 <u>Tasmanian Health</u>, Standard 06/05/2020