

Barthel Index of Activities of Daily Living

Patients's ID Card No: _____

Surname: _____

Name: _____

Instructions: Choose the scoring point for the statement that most closely corresponds to the patient's current level of ability for each of the following 10 items.

SCORE

Bowels

- 0 = incontinent (or needs to be given enemata)
- 1 = occasional (once/week)
- 2 = continent

Bladder

- 0 = incontinent or catheterized and unable to manage
- 1 = occasional accident (max once per 24 hrs)
- 2 = continent (over 7 days)

Grooming

- 0 = needs help with personal care
- 1 = independent face/hair/teeth/shaving (implements provided)

Toilet Use

- 0 = dependent
- 1 = needs some help, but can do something alone
- 2 = independent (on and off, dressing, wiping)

Feeding

- 0 = unable
- 1 = needs help cutting, spreading butter etc.
- 2 = independent (food provided within reach)

Transfer

- 0 = unable-no sitting balance
- 1 = major help (one or two people, physical), can sit
- 2 = minor help (verbal or physical)
- 3 = independent

Mobility

- 0 = immobile
- 1 = wheelchair independent including corners etc.
- 2 = walks with help of one person (verbal or physical)
- 3 = independent (but may use any aid (eg stick)

Dressing

0 = dependent

1 = needs help, but can do half unaided

2 = independent (including buttons, zips, laces etc.)

Stairs

0 = unable

1 = needs help (verbal, physical, carrying aid)

2 = independent up and down

Bathing

0 = dependent

1 = independent (or in shower)

TOTAL SCORE

(Collin *et al.*, 1988)

Scoring:

Sum the patient’s scores for each item. Total possible scores range from 0 – 20, with lower scores indicating increased disability. If used to measure improvement after rehabilitation, changes of more than two points in the total score reflect a probable genuine change, and change on one item from fully dependent to independent is also likely to be reliable.

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Signature of Medical Doctor/Specialist

Medical Council Number

Date