



NEED TO KNOW - A KNOWLEDGE BANK RESOURCE

1. Functional Independence Measurement (FIM)

Functional Independence Measurement is a widely used assessment tool to classify a persons functional ability and level of dependence. The tool allows healthcare professionals to make an informed assessment of a persons need for assistance.

This is a useful tool and will allow the assessor to understand the clients ability to assist in the moving and handling procedure.

- 1. Independent**
- 2. Dependent**
- 3. Complete Dependence.**

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Category

Level

Independent



7. Complete independence

Another person is not required for the activity which is performed safely, without modification or outside assistance and within a reasonable time

6. Modified independence

Activity requires one or more of the following: an assistive device, more than reasonable time or safety (risk) considerations

Dependent



5. Supervision or set up

Someone required to help by observation or encouragement without contact.



4. Minimal assistance

Someone required to help — by touching or making encouragement without contact.



3. Moderate assistance

Someone required to help by more than touching — client makes 50-75% of the effort.

Complete Dependence



2. Maximum assistance

Complete dependence. Client makes less than 50% but at least 35% of effort.



1. Complete dependence

Client makes less than 24% of effort.

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