

Patient Capability Assessment Outcomes

Independent: The patient is able to safely perform the transfer with or without equipment, and without the need for physical or verbal assistance from the caregiver.

Supervised: The patient is able to perform the transfer without any physical assistance from the caregiver. Verbal coaching or cueing and/or equipment set up may be required to maintain safety.

Standby Assist: The patient may require verbal coaching or cueing and/or equipment set up. The patient may require minor hands-on physical assistance due to anticipated change in physical or cognitive status.

Minimal Assist: The patient consistently requires minor physical assistance and/or equipment such as a gait/transfer belt. Verbal coaching or cueing and/or equipment set up may be required to maintain safety. Staff must not lift more than 35 lbs (16 kg) of a patient's weight when providing physical assistance during any transfer, repositioning task or other aspect of patient care. The patient requires minor physical exertion from staff when being repositioned, rising to stand, ambulating, or lowering to sit. The patient is able to reliably and consistently fully bear weight when standing.

Moderate Assist: The patient requires more than minor physical assistance and generally incorporates the use of patient handling equipment with a minimum of 1-2 healthcare workers. Staff must not lift more than 35 lbs (16 kg) of a patient's weight when providing physical assistance during any transfer, repositioning task or other aspect of patient care. The patient is partially dependent for physical support for trunk or legs when being repositioned, or during a transfer or ambulation.

Maximum Assist: The patient requires full physical assistance for repositioning, standing, turning, transferring and/or mobility. The patient may have difficulty with key factors such as following directions, weight bearing, strength/exertion and/or demonstrates uncooperative or unpredictable behavior. All repositioning and transfer tasks should only be performed with the use of equipment.