

Resources for the Comprehensive Geriatric Assessment based Proactive and Personalised Primary Care of the Elderly

Frailty Phenotype

Purpose: Assessment of frailty

Admin time: 5 min

User Friendly: High

Administered by: GP or nurse

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FRAILTY PHENOTYPE

NAME			
d.o.b.			
Date			
Administered by			_
CRITERIA	OPTIONS	WEIGHT	SCORE
Unintentional weight loss	no yes	0 1	
Physical Activity	Not limited or little limited Limited a lot	0 1	
Low resistance/exhaustion	0 to 2 days 3 to 7 days	0 1	
Strength	< 20% weaker > 20% weaker	0 1	
Walking Time	Not slower Slower	0 1	
		TOTAL SCORE	

SCORING

0 = robust

1-2 = pre-frail

3-4 = frail

5 = very frail

NOTES:



DEFINITIONS

Unintentional weight loss:

>5% weight loss over past year or

>4,5 Kg weight loss over past year

Physical Activity:

Health imposes a limit on vigorous activities such as, mowing the lawn, raking, gardening, hiking, jogging, biking, exercise cycling, dancing, aerobics, bowling, golf, swimming, other sport.

Low resistance/exhaustion:

Frequency that, in the past week, the individual felt that everything s/he did was an effort or

s/he could not "get going"

Strength:

Without dynamometer:

Estimated 20% weaker than expected in an individual of similar size (BMI) or

With dynamometer (stratified by gender and Body Mass Index quartiles)

Men	Cutoff for grip strength (Kg)
	criterion for frailty
BMI < 24	< 29
BMI 24.1-26	<30
BMI 26.1-28	< 31
BMI > 28	<32
Women	Cutoff for grip strength (Kg)
	criterion for frailty
BMI < 23	< 17
BMI 23.1-26	< 17,3
BMI 26.1-29	< 18
BMI > 29	<21

Walking Time:

(stratified by gender and height)

Men	Cutoff for Time to Walk 15 feet
	criterion for frailty
Height > 173 cm	6 seconds
Height < 173 cm	7 seconds
Women	Cutoff for Time to Walk 15 feet
	criterion for frailty
Height > 159 cm	6 seconds
Height < 159 cm	7 seconds

