Functional Independence Measure

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| Identifying and definitional attributes |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| Synonymous names: | FIM |
| METEOR identifier: | 495857 |
| Registration status: | [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/6), Standard 31/10/2012[Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Standard 11/04/2014[Tasmanian Health](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/17), 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. |

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| 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 helper2 - Maximal assistance with helper3 - Moderate assistance with helper4 - Minimal assistance with helper5 - Supervision or setup with helper6 - Modified independence with no helper7 - Complete independence with no helperThe 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™ 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™ Instrument? Viewed 19 September 2012, <http://ahsri.uow.edu.au/aroc/whatisfim/index.html> |
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