

# Lower Extremity Functional Scale

Date:					
Patient's name:				Date of birth:	
Medical history (if needed):					
Symptoms (if needed):					
<p>We want to know whether you are having difficulties performing the tasks listed below because of your lower limb issues. Please provide an answer for each activity based on how your lower limb feels today using this scale:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>0</b> - Extreme difficulty or unable to perform activity; <b>1</b> - Quite a bit of difficulty;  <b>2</b> - Moderate difficulty; <b>3</b> - A little bit of difficulty; <b>4</b> -No difficulty</p>					
Today, do you or would you have any difficulty at all with:					
Activities	0	1	2	3	4
1. Any of your usual work, housework, or school activities					
2. Your usual hobbies, recreational, or sporting activities					
3. Getting into or out of the bath					
4. Walking between rooms					
5. Putting on shoes or socks					
6. Squatting					
7. Lifting an object like groceries or a bag					
8. Doing light activities around the house					
9. Performing heavy activities around the house					
10. Getting into a car					
11. Walking 2 blocks					
12. Walking a mile					
13. Going up and down 10 stairs (about a flight)					
14. Standing for 1 hour					
15. Sitting for 1 hour					

Activities	0	1	2	3	4
16. Running on even ground					
17. Running on uneven ground					
18. Making sharp turns while running fast					
19. Hopping					
20. Rolling over in bed					
<b>Total score:</b>					
Scoring and interpretation					
<p>Sum the total score of responses. A lower score indicates greater disability, while a higher score suggests better functional ability.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The <b>maximum possible score is 80</b>, indicating no functional limitations.</li> <li>• The <b>minimum score is 0</b>, indicating extreme limitations in lower extremity function.</li> </ul> <p>The <b>minimal detectable change (MDC) is 9 points</b>, meaning a change of more than 9 points is considered a true change in the patient's condition.</p> <p>The <b>minimal clinically important difference (MCID) is also 9 points</b>, suggesting that a change greater than this value is clinically meaningful for the patient.</p>					
Additional notes					

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