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Fall Risk Screening Measures

STEADI Assessment⁶

- Simple fall risk assessment tool that help stratify fall risk
- Make sure to communicate with the appropriate physician(s) regarding a patient who is screening at high risk for falls

Berg Balance Scale^{3,31}

- 14-item scale designed to measure balance of the older adult in a clinical setting with a score from 0 to 56
- Score of less than 45 is associated with increased fall risk
- Score of less than 40 has a 100% association with falls

Timed Up and Go (TUG)¹⁴

- Time it takes to ambulate 3 meters starting from a seated position with appropriate assistive device and then returning back to the seated position
- Time of 12 seconds or higher is associated with fall risk

30-second Chair Stand Test³²

- Number of times a patient to stand without arm support from a seated position in 30 seconds
- Unable to complete any sit to stand is associated with high fall risk

4-State Balance Test^{28,38}

- Balance testing in increasingly challenging positions including parallel, semi-tandem, tandem, and single-leg stand
- Unable to perform tandem leg stand for 10 seconds is associated with falls
- Unable to stand on 1 leg unassisted for 5 seconds is associated with fall with injury



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Additional Resources

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