

# Functional Independence Measure (FIM) Scoring

Scores can influence disposition options

Do **not** reflexively consult physical therapy (unnecessary for home PT and VA-contracted CNH)

Read physical and occupational therapy notes

	Score	Meaning
Independence	7	Complete independence
	6	Modified independence
Modified dependence	5	Supervision (100%)
	4	Minimal assistance (75-99%)
Complete dependence	3	Moderate assistance (50-74%)
	2	Maximal assistance (25-49%)
	1	Total assistance or not tested (<25%)



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