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Functional Mobility Assessment (AM-PAC 6-Clicks) August 2022

Audience: Adult Academic Health Center Physicians, Advanced Practice Providers, Fellows, and Residents Education Level- **Green**

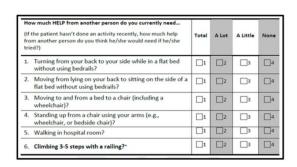
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SUMMARY

Hospitalized patients at IU Health often suffer from mobility regression, which can negatively impact length of stay, risk for pressure injury and falls, and discharge disposition. Consistent patient mobilization during hospitalization is necessary to achieve positive patient outcomes and avoid unnecessary healthcare cost (Hoyer, 2018).

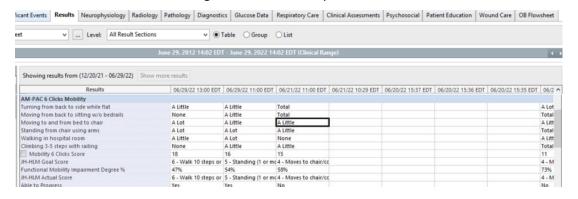
Current state assessment of the IU Health Mobility Protocol identified a lack of functional assessment tool availability and heavy reliance on nursing clinical judgement to determine safe mobility activities. Establishing standardized communication and goal alignment between mobility stakeholders can better support a team approach and collaboration amongst disciplines. Implementation of a standardized mobility functional assessment into the IU Health Mobility Protocol algorithm has potential to provide common language for all staff and aid in congruence of the mobility plan across entities.

The AM-PAC 6-Clicks is a 6-item assessment tool developed in collaboration between Boston University and Cleveland Clinic to quantify functional mobility limitations. The 6-Clicks tool was identified to have the best supporting evidence and closely aligns with the protocol goal to provide an algorithm for nursing that is easy to follow, while delineating decision making.





Mobility documentation trends can be viewed in the Results Review tab in Cerner. Trends can be used to facilitate discharge readiness and disposition discussion.



Highlights

Effective: August 23, 2022

Incorporation of a functional mobility assessment has the capability to improve fall outcomes and decrease healthcare cost related to length of stay.

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The New Mobility Protocol – Adult can be found here.