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The Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS)

Overview: The Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS) can be used to evaluate the functional impairment of a patient with a disorder of one or both lower extremities. It can be used to monitor the patient over time and to evaluate the effectiveness of an intervention. The authors are from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario.

Patient Instructions: Today, do you or would you have any difficulty at all with these activities?

Please check the most accurate response for each question	Unable to perform activity or extreme difficulty	Quite a bit of difficulty	Moderate difficulty	A little bit of difficulty	No difficulty
Any of your usual work, housework, or school activities.	0 🗌	1	2	3	4
Your usual hobbies, recreational or sporting activities	0 []	1	2	3	4
Getting into or out of the bath	0 []	1	2	3	4
Walking between rooms	0 []	1	2	3	4
Putting on your shoes or socks	0	1	2	3	4
Squatting	0	1	2	3	4
Lifting an object like a bag of groceries from the floor	0	1	2	3	4
Performing light activities around your home	0	1	2	3	4
Performing heavy activities around your home	0	1	2	3	4
Getting into or out of a car	0	1	2	3	4
Walking 2 blocks (about 1/6 th mile or about 250 meters)	0	1	2	3	4
Walking 1 mile (1.6 km)	0	1	2	3	4
Going up or down 10 steps (about 1 flight of stairs)	0	1	2	3	4
Standing for 1 hour	0	1	2	3	4
Sitting for 1 hour	0	1	2	3	4
Running on even ground	0	1	2	3	4
Running on uneven ground	0	1	2	3	4
Making sharp turns while running fast	0	1	2	3	4
Hopping	0	1	2	3	4
Rolling over in bed	0	1	2	3	4
Therapist Use:Total Score: / 80					

References: Binkley JM Stratford PW et al. The Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS): Scale development measurement properties and clinical application. Physical Therapy. 1999; 79: 371-383 (Appendix page 383).