
11. Clinical Frailty Scale

(Source: Medical record or treating physician)

Very Fit - People who are robust, active, energetic and motivated. These people commonly exercise regularly. They are among the fittest for their age.

Fit - People who have no active disease symptoms but are less fit than category 1. Often, they exercise or are very active occasionally, e.g. seasonally.

Managing well - People whose medical problems are well controlled, but are not regularly active beyond routine walking.

Living with very mild frailty - While not dependent on others for daily help, often symptoms limit activities. A common complaint is being "slowed up", and/or being tired during the day.

Living with mild frailty - These people often have more evident slowing, and need help in high order IADLs (finances, transportation, heavy housework, medications). Typically, mild frailty progressively impairs shopping and walking outside alone, meal preparation and housework.

Living with moderate frailty - People need help with all outside activities and with keeping house. Inside, they often have problems with stairs and need help with bathing and might need minimal assistance (cuing, standby) with dressing.

Living with severe frailty - Completely dependent for personal care, from whatever cause (physical or cognitive). Even so, they seem stable and not at high risk of dying (within ~ 6 months).

Living with very severe frailty - Completely dependent, approaching the end of life. Typically, they could not recover even from a minor illness.

Terminally ill - Approaching the end of life. This category applies to people with a life expectancy < 6 months, who are not otherwise evidently frail.