### **Patient Information:**

Patient Name: John Doe
Date of Birth: 02/15/1975
Start of Care: 02/01/2025

Payer: Medicare Hospitalization: None

## **Diagnosis:**

The patient has the following diagnoses: Med – low back pain (M54.5) with an onset date of 01/20/2025, Med – pain in the right knee (M25.561) with an onset date of 01/10/2025, Tx – difficulty in walking, not elsewhere classified (R26.2) with an onset date of 01/15/2025, Tx – generalized muscle weakness (M62.81) with an onset date of 01/15/2025, and Tx – repeated falls (R29.6) with an onset date of 01/10/2025.

# **Treatment Approaches:**

- PT Evaluation
- Therapeutic Exercises
- Neuromuscular Reeducation
- Gait Training Therapy
- Therapeutic Activities
- Electric Stim other than wound

## Frequency:

• 3 sessions per week

### **Duration:**

• 6 weeks

## **Intensity:**

• Moderate to High, progressing as tolerated

### **Certified Period:**

• 02/01/2025 - 03/15/2025

### **Plan of Treatment:**

#### **Short Term Goals:**

- 1. Patient will perform sit-to-stand transfers with Min (A) and 4-/5 quadriceps strength to improve independence in transfers. (Target: 02/28/2025)
- 2. Patient will ambulate 50 feet with a front-wheeled walker and CGA, maintaining balance and proper gait mechanics. (Target: 02/28/2025)
- 3. Patient will demonstrate improved static standing balance for 1 minute without LOB to reduce fall risk. (Target: 02/28/2025)
- 4. Patient will perform therapeutic exercises to increase right knee ROM to 120 degrees to improve functional mobility. (Target: 02/28/2025)

## **Long Term Goals:**

- 1. Patient will perform sit-to-stand transfers independently without use of upper extremity support. (Target: 03/15/2025)
- 2. Patient will ambulate 200 feet with a cane and supervision, demonstrating proper gait mechanics. (Target: 03/15/2025)
- 3. Patient will maintain dynamic standing balance for 3 minutes while performing functional tasks. (Target: 03/15/2025)
- 4. Patient will report pain level  $\leq 2/10$  during ambulation and daily activities to enhance participation. (Target: 03/15/2025)

#### **Patient Goals:**

• "I want to be able to walk around my house without feeling like I'm going to fall."

### **Potential for Achieving Goals:**

• Patient demonstrates good rehab potential due to high motivation, supportive family, ability to follow directions, and good cognitive status.

### **Participation:**

• Patient actively participates in therapy sessions and is motivated to improve mobility and independence.

## **Initial Assessment/Current Level of Function & Underlying Impairments:**

### **Factors Supporting Medical Necessity:**

- **Referral:** Referred by primary care physician for PT following repeated falls and difficulty walking.
- Medical Hx: History of osteoarthritis and generalized muscle weakness.
- Complexities: Chronic pain impacting mobility and balance.
- **Prior Tx:** No prior physical therapy for current condition.
- **Prior Living:** Independent in ADLs and IADLs prior to onset.
- **D/C Plan:** Return to independent living with improved mobility and safety.
- **Prior Level:** Ambulated independently without an assistive device.

## **Background Assessment:**

• **Precautions:** Fall precautions, pain management during exercises.

### **Joint ROM/Goniometric Measurements:**

AROM- Right Hip: 0-110 degrees
AROM- Right Knee: 0-100 degrees
AROM- Left Hip: 0-120 degrees
AROM- Left Knee: 0-130 degrees

• LE ROM: Decreased in right knee affecting mobility.

## **Strength/Manual Muscle Testing:**

Strength-Right Hip: 4-/5
Strength-Right Knee: 3+/5
Strength-Left Hip: 4/5
Strength-Left Knee: 4/5

• LE Strength: Generalized weakness, more pronounced on the right side.

#### **Balance:**

- Sitting Balance: Good
- Standing Balance: Fair with occasional LOB
- Balance Loss: Increased with dynamic activities
- Reactions & Strategies: Delayed protective reactions observed

## **Additional Abilities/Underlying Impairments:**

- CardioPulmonary Function: Within functional limits
- Tone and Posture: Mild postural instability
- Pain and Edema: Pain reported 5/10 in right knee; mild edema present
- Coordination: Slightly impaired during dynamic tasks
- Sensory Test Findings: Intact
- Cognition: Intact

### **Visual Assessment:**

- **History and Analysis:** No visual impairments reported
- **Testing:** Within normal limits

### **Functional Assessment:**

- **Bed Mobility:** Moderate assistance required
- Transfers: Min (A) with decreased balance
- Gait: Ambulates 20 feet with front-wheeled walker and CGA
- Gait Analysis: Decreased right knee flexion, altered gait mechanics
- Other Area: Reduced functional mobility due to pain and weakness

## **Objective Tests/Measures & Additional Analysis:**

- Timed Up and Go (TUG): 22 seconds (Moderate fall risk)
- **Home Exercise Program:** Patient requires skilled PT to establish and train an appropriate program.
- Additional Analysis: Trunk strength: Abdominals/Flexors 4/5; Extensors 4-/5

# **Clinical Impressions:**

- Expect progress towards goals to be moderate due to chronic pain and decreased strength.
- Patient demonstrates good rehab potential to return to prior level of function with skilled PT intervention.
- Skilled PT required for gait training, strengthening exercises, neuromuscular reeducation, and balance training to improve mobility and reduce fall risk.

### **Test/Measures and Outcomes:**

- Outcome Measure: Improvement in TUG score to <15 seconds.
- Expected Outcome: Increased independence in transfers, ambulation, and ADLs.