

Annual Mobility Assessment Interpretation Charts

Use these charts to interpret client/participant's performance on each of the tests/measures of the protocol. They are based on reference values (mean and standard deviation) by decade of age and sex reported in the recent research literature.

- The 1st column contains the **reference value** (mean & standard deviation) by age and sex.
- Performance in the 2nd column (red zone-a full standard deviation below the mean) suggests that mobility problems exist
- Performance in the 3rd column (yellow zone,1 SD below to the mean) suggests that mobility problems may be developing
- Performance in the 4th column (green zone, at the mean and better) suggests that mobility problems are not present.

To use the charts to determine categorization for each test/measure

- select the **ROW** corresponding to the client/participant's AGE category.
- Select the **column closest in value** to the participant's **performance value** (be sure to review all columns)
- Write the value of the client/participant's performance on the report card. Draw a line on the bar estimating where the value lies.

MEN USUAL WALKING SPEED (m/sec)

Fall Risk: < .76 m/sec SN .65, SP .71^a
 Frailty Risk: < .63 m/sec SN .90, SP .90^b

| Age Group | MEN (faster = better performance) | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean (SD) | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^c | 1.31 (.16) | < 1.15 | 1.16 - 1.30 | 1.31+ |
| 60-69 ^c | 1.27 (.17) | ≤ 1.10 | 1.11 - 1.26 | 1.27+ |
| 70-79 ^c | 1.18 (.20) | ≤ 0.98 | .99 - 1.17 | 1.18+ |
| 80-89 ^c | 1.02 (.20) | ≤ 0.82 | .83 - 1.01 | 1.02+ |
| ≥ 90 ^c | .91 (.17) | ≤ 0.74 | .75 - .90 | .91+ |

MEN 30 SEC CHAIR STAND (# repetitions)

Fall Risk: 60-69 < 11 70-79 < 10
 80-89 < 8 90+ < 4^e

| Age Group | MEN (more reps, better performance) | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean (SD) | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^d | 13.9 (3.9) | 14+ | 11 - 14 | 14+ |
| 60-69 ^d | 10.2 (4.9) | 20 + | 16 - 19 | 20 + |
| 70-79 ^d | 14.0 (5.8) | 14 + | 9 - 13 | 14 + |
| 80-89 ^d | 9.1 (6.1) | 9 + | 4 - 8 | 9 + |
| ≥ 90 ^d | 9.1 (4.2) | 9 + | 6 - 8 | 9 + |

MEN TIMED UP AND GO

Fall Risk^g > 12.0 sec SN .74 SP .52^h
 Frailty^b > 17.8 sec

| Age Group | MEN (less time = better performance) | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean (SD) | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^d | 8.7 (3.3) | ≥ 12.0 | 8.8 - 11.9 | ≤ 8.7 |
| 60-69 ^d | 8.1 (1.8) | ≥ 9.9 | 8.3 - 9.9 | ≤ 8.1 |
| 70-79 ^d | 9.2 (2.7) | ≥ 11.9 | 9.3 - 11.8 | ≤ 9.2 |
| 80-89 ^d | 11.4 (3.0) | ≥ 14.4 | 11.5-14.3 | ≤ 11.4 |
| ≥ 90 ^d | 14.7 (6.3) | ≥ 21.0 | 14.8 - 20.9 | ≤ 14.7 |

MEN FAST WALKING SPEED (M/SEC)

Fall Risk < 1.10 m/sec SN.76, SP .60^a

| Age Group | MEN (faster = better performance) | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean (SD) | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^d | 1.33 (.55) | ≤ 0.78 | .79 - 1.32 | 1.33 + |
| 60-69 ^d | 1.40 (.30) | ≤ 1.10 | 1.11 - 1.39 | 1.40 + |
| 70-79 ^d | 1.58 (.51) | ≤ 1.07 | 1.08 - 1.58 | 1.58 + |
| 80-89 ^d | 1.36 (.38) | ≤ .98 | .99 - 1.35 | 1.36 + |
| ≥ 90 ^d | 1.19 (.32) | ≤ .87 | .88 - 1.90 | 1.91 + |

MEN FOUR SQUARE STEP TEST (sec)

Multiple Fall Risk > 15 sec SN .85, SP .88^g

| Age Group | MEN (less time = better performance) | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean SD ^e | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^d | 10.2 (3.3) | ≥ 13.5 | 10.3-13.4 | ≤ 10.2 |
| 60-69 ^d | 9.4 (1.9) | ≥ 11.3 | 9.5-11.2 | ≤ 9.4 |
| 70-79 ^d | 10.9 (4.2) | ≥ 15.1 | 11.0-15.0 | ≤ 10.9 |
| 80-89 ^d | 15.8 (8.0) | ≥ 23.8 | 15.9-23.7 | ≤ 15.8 |
| ≥ 90 ^d | 13.0 (3.4) | ≥ 16.4 | 13.1-16.3 | ≤ 13.0 |

MEN TIME UP AND GO with COGNITIVE TASK

Fall Risk > 11 sec SN 1.00. SP .66ⁱ

| Age Group | MEN (less time = better performance) | | | |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean (SD) | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^d | 11.9 (5.9) | ≥ 17.8 | 12.0-17.7 | ≤ 11.9 |
| 60-69 ^d | 13.0 (5.0) | ≥ 18.0 | 13.1-17.9 | ≤ 13.0 |
| 70-79 ^d | 12.9 (5.0) | ≥ 17.9 | 13.0-17.8 | ≤ 12.9 |
| 80-89 ^d | 17.3 (4.7) | ≥ 22.0 | 17.4-21.9 | ≤ 17.3 |
| ≥ 90 ^d | 24.3 (10.2) | ≥ 34.5 | 24.4-34.4 | ≤ 24.3 |

WOMEN: USUAL WALKING SPEED (m/sec)

Fall Risk: < .76 m/sec SN .65, SP .71^a

Frailty Risk: < .63 m/sec SN .90, SP .90^b

| Age Group | WOMEN (faster = better performance) | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean (SD) | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^c | 1.26 (0.17) | ≤ 1.09 | 1.10 - 1.25 | 1.26 + |
| 60-69 ^c | 1.22 (0.16) | ≤ 1.06 | 1.07 - 1.21 | 1.22 + |
| 70-79 ^c | 1.12 (0.20) | ≤ .92 | .93 - 1.11 | 1.12 + |
| 80-89 ^c | 0.98 (0.21) | ≤ .77 | .78 - .97 | .98 + |
| ≥ 90 ^c | 0.76 (0.21) | ≤ .55 | .56 - .75 | .76+ |

WOMEN FAST WALKING SPEED

Fall Risk: < .1.10 m/sec Sn .76, Sp .60^a

| Age Group | WOMEN (faster = better performance) | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean (SD) | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^d | 1.67 (0.51) | ≤ 1.16 | 1.17 - 1.66 | 1.67 + |
| 60-69 ^d | 1.59 (0.37) | ≤ 1.22 | 1.23 - 1.58 | 1.59 + |
| 70-79 ^d | 1.52 (0.33) | ≤ 1.19 | 1.20 - 1.51 | 1.52 + |
| 80-89 ^d | 1.20 (0.33) | ≤ 0.87 | .88 - 1.19 | 1.20 + |
| 90+ ^d | 1.02 (0.27) | ≤ 0.75 | .76 - 1.01 | 1.02 + |

WOMEN 30 SEC CHAIR STAND (Repetitions)

Fall Risk: 60-69 < 11 70-79 <10^e

80-89 < 8 90+ < 4

| Age Group | WOMEN (more reps = better) | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean (SD) | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^d | 14.3 (6.9) | ≤ 7 | 8 -13 | 14 + |
| 60-69 ^d | 13.4 (4.1) | ≤ 9 | 10-12 | 13 + |
| 70-79 ^d | 11.6 (5.3) | ≤ 6 | 7 - 11 | 12 + |
| 80-89 ^d | 9.7 (4.2) | ≤ 6 | 7 - 9 | 10 + |
| 90+ ^d | 8.6 (3.7) | ≤ 5 | 6 - 8 | 9 + |

WOMEN FOUR SQUARE STEP TEST

Multiple Fall Risk. ≥15 sec SN .85, SP .88^f

| Age Group | WOMEN (less time = better) | | | |
|--------------------|----------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean SD | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^d | 10.3 (4.7) | ≥ 15.0 | 14.9 - 10.4 | ≤ 10.3 |
| 60-69 ^d | 9.7 (2.4) | ≥ 12.1 | 9.8 - 12.0 | ≤ 9.7 |
| 70-79 ^d | 10.9 (3.6) | ≥ 14.5 | 11.0 - 14.4 | ≤ 10.9 |
| 80-89 ^d | 14.9 (5.7) | ≥ 20.6 | 15.0 - 20.5 | ≤ 14.9 |
| ≥ 90 ^d | 20.0 (16.7) | ≥ 36.7 | 20.1 - 36.6 | ≤ 20.0 |

Minimal Detectable Change Values

For Mobility Assessment Measures

| Measure Name | MDC for Community Living Older Adults |
|---|--|
| Usual Walking Speed | 0.05 m/sec ^j |
| Fast Walking Speed | 0.09 m/sec ^k |
| 30 sec. Chair Rise | 0.9 repetitions ^l |
| Four Square Step Test | Not yet reported |
| Timed Up and Go | 1.0 sec ^m |
| TUG Dual Task Cost compare TUG vs TUG-DT cog | Change of 41% from than TUG time ⁿ |

Interpretation:

Change in performance (increase or decrease) at the reported level is thought to be beyond measurement error, and potentially meaningful.

WOMEN TIME UP AND GO with COGNITIVE TASK

Fall Risk > 11 sec. Sn 1.00, Sp .66ⁱ

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|--------------------|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|------------|
| | Reference Mean SD ^e | Red Zone | Yellow Zone | Green Zone |
| 50-59 ^d | 11.9 (5.9) | ≥ 17.8 | 12.0-17.7 | ≤ 11.9 |
| 60-69 ^d | 13.0 (5.0) | ≥ 18.0 | 13.1-17.9 | ≤ 13.0 |
| 70-79 ^d | 12.9 (5.0) | ≥ 17.9 | 13.0 -17.8 | ≤ 12.9 |
| 80-89 ^d | 17.3 (4.7) | ≥ 22.0 | 17.4-21.9 | ≤ 17.3 |
| ≥ 90 ^d | 24.3 (10.2) | ≥ 34.5 | 24.4 -34.4 | ≤ 24.3 |

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