Functional Independence Measure

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Glossary Item |
| Synonymous names: | FIM |
| METEOR identifier: | 495857 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 11/04/2014  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 31/10/2012  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 20/12/2016 |
| Definition: | An assessment of the severity of patient disability. |
| Context: | The Functional Independence Measure (FIM™) instrument is a basic indicator of patient disability. FIM™ is used to track the changes in the functional ability of a patient during an episode of hospital rehabilitation care. |

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| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | Patient function is assessed using the FIM™ instrument at the start of a rehabilitation episode of care and at the end of a rehabilitation episode of care. Admission assessment is collected within 72 hours of the start of a rehabilitation episode. Discharge assessment is collected within 72 hours prior to the end of a rehabilitation episode. |
| Comments: | FIM™ is comprised of 18 items, grouped into 2 subscales - motor and cognition.  The motor subscale includes:   * Eating * Grooming * Bathing * Dressing, upper body * Dressing, lower body * Toileting * Bladder management * Bowel management * Transfers - bed/chair/wheelchair * Transfers - toilet * Transfers - bath/shower * Walk/wheelchair * Stairs   The cognition subscale includes:   * Comprehension * Expression * Social interaction * Problem solving * Memory   Each item is scored on a 7 point ordinal scale, ranging from a score of 1 to a score of 7. The higher the score, the more independent the patient is in performing the task associated with that item.  1 - Total assistance with helper  2 - Maximal assistance with helper  3 - Moderate assistance with helper  4 - Minimal assistance with helper  5 - Supervision or setup with helper  6 - Modified independence with no helper  7 - Complete independence with no helper  The total score for the FIM motor subscale (the sum of the individual motor subscale items) will be a value between 13 and 91.  The total score for the FIM cognition subscale (the sum of the individual cognition subscale items) will be a value between 5 and 35.  The total score for the FIM instrument (the sum of the motor and cognition subscale scores) will be a value between 18 and 126. |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Independent Hospital Pricing Authority |
| Origin: | FIM™ is a trademark of the Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation, a division of UB Foundation Activities Incorporated.  Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre holds the territory license for the use of the FIM™ instrument in Australia. |
| Reference documents: | Uniform Data System for Medical Rehabilitation 2009. The FIM System® Clinical Guide, Version 5.2. Buffalo: UDSMR.  Australasian Rehabilitation Outcomes Centre, University of Wollongong 2012. What is the FIM™ Instrument? Viewed 19 September 2012, <http://ahsri.uow.edu.au/aroc/whatisfim/index.html> |
| Relational attributes | |
| Metadata items which use this glossary item: | [Activity based funding: Admitted sub-acute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2013-2014](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/496358)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 11/10/2012  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2014-15](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/556874)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 13/11/2014  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care DSS 2015-16](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/588098)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 19/11/2015  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2016-17](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/611617)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 03/11/2016  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2017-18](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/639479)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 25/01/2018  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Recorded 04/08/2016  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2018-19](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/676264)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 17/10/2018  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2019-20](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/699414)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 18/12/2019  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2020–21](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/713854)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 05/02/2021  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2021–22](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/727327)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/10/2021  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2022–23](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/742177)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 20/12/2022  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2023–24](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/756155)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 06/12/2023  [Admitted subacute and non-acute hospital care NBEDS 2024–25](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/775780)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 06/12/2023  [Episode of admitted patient care—clinical assessment score, code NN](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/497302)  [Independent Hospital Pricing Authority](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/3), Standard 30/10/2012  [Functional Independence Measure score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717979)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 18/12/2019  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 06/05/2020  [Person—level of functional independence, Functional Independence Measure score code N](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/717982)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 18/12/2019  [Tasmanian Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/15), Standard 06/05/2020 |