BERG BALANCE & WEIGHT SHIFTING SCALE



For each assessment, enter the date of each exam and your rating for each item. Write the total for each "exam" date in the space on page 2.

| 1. Please stand up; try not to use your hands for support | | | |
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| 1 st Date | Score | 0 = needs moderate or maximal help to stand | |
| | | 1 = needs minimal assist to stand or to stabilize | |
| 2 nd Date | | 2 = able to stand using hands after several tries | |
| | | 3 = able to stand independently using hands | |
| 3 rd Date | | 4 = able to stand with no hands and stabilize self | |
| | | Mark the lowest category. | |

| 2. Stand for 2 minutes without support or holding. | | | |
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| 1 st Exam | Score | 0 = unable to stand thirty seconds | |
| | | 1 = needs several tries to stand 30 seconds unsupported | |
| 2 nd Exam | | 2 = able to stand 30 seconds unsupported | |
| | | 3 = able to stand 2 minutes with supervision | |
| 3 rd Exam | | 4 = able stand safely for 2 minutes | |
| | | If you give a rating of 4, go to question #4 and score sitting balance as a 4. | |

| 3. Sit unsupported with feet on the floor, no support and arms folded for 2 minutes. | | | |
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| 1 st Exam | Score | 0 = unable to sit without support for 10 seconds | |
| | | 1 = able to sit for 10 seconds | |
| 2 nd Exam | | 2 = able to sit for 30 seconds | |
| | | 3 = able to sit for 2 minutes under supervision | |
| 3 rd Exam | | 4 = able to sit safely and securely for 2 minutes | |
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| 4. Move from sitting to standing. Try not to use your hands. | | | |
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| 1 st Exam Sco | 0 = needs assistance to sit 1 = sits independently, but has uncontrolled descent | | |
| 2 nd Exam | 2 = uses back of legs against chair to control descent 3 = controls descent by using hands | | |
| 3 rd Exam | 4 = sits safely with minimal use of hands | | |

| 5. Move from the chair to the bed and back. (1 way toward a seat w/armrests, 1 way to a seat w/o armrests) | | | |
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| 1 st Exam | Score | 0 = needs 2 people to assist/supervise to be safe | |
| | | 1 = needs one person to assist | |
| 2 nd Exam | | 2 = able to transfer w/verbal cueing +/or supervision | |
| | | 3 = able to transfer safely with definite use of hands | |
| 3 rd Exam | | | |
| | | 4 = able to transfer safely with minor use of hands | |

| 6. Stand unsupported with eyes closed for 10 seconds. | | | |
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| 1 st Exam | Score | 0 = needs help to keep from falling | |
| 2 nd Evam | | 1 = unable to keep eyes closed for 3 seconds, but stays | |
| 2 nd Exam | | steady | |
| | | 2 = able to stand for 3 seconds | |
| 3 rd Exam | | 3 = able to stand for 10 seconds with supervision | |
| | | 4 = able to stand for 10 seconds safely | |

| 7. Stand unsupported with feet together. | | | |
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| 1 st Exam | Score | 0 = needs help to attain position; unable to hold 15 seconds | |
| 2 nd Exam | | 1 = needs help to attain position, but able to stand for 15 seconds with feet together | |
| | | 2 = able to independently place feet together but unable to hold for 30 seconds | |
| 3 rd Exam | | 3 = able to independently place feet together and stand for one minute with supervision | |
| | | 4 = able to independently place feet together and stand for one minute safely | |

| degrees. Stretch your fingers and reach forward as you can | | | |
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| 1 st Exam | Score | 0 = needs help to keep from falling | |
| | | 1 = reaches forward but needs supervision | |
| 2 nd Exam | | 2 = can reach forward > 2 inches safely | |
| | | 3 = can reach forward > 5 inches safely | |
| | | 4 = can reach forward confidently > 10 inches | |
| 3 rd Exam | | | |
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| | | Hold ruler to measure the distance. | |

| 9. Pick up an object from the floor. | | | | |
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| 1 st Exam Score | 0 = unable to try/needs assistance to keep from falling | | | |
| 2 nd Exam | 1 = unable to pick up; needs supervision while trying | | | |
| | 2 = unable to pick up but reaches 1-2 inches from object and keeps balance independently | | | |
| 3 rd Exam | 3 = able to pick up object, but needs supervision | | | |
| | 4 = able to pick up object safely | | | |

| try | try turning to look over your right shoulder. | | | |
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| 1 st Exam | Score | 0 = needs assistance to keep from falling | | |
| | | 1 = needs supervision when turning | | |
| 2 nd Exam | | 2 = turns sideways only, but maintains balance | | |
| | | 3 = looks behind 1 side only, other side shows less weight | | |
| 3 rd Exam | | 4 = looks behind from both sides and weight shifts well | | |
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10. Turn your upper body to look over your left shoulder. Now

| 12. Place your foot on the stool; then place the other foot on the stool. (Each foot should touch the stool 4 Xs in total.) | | | | |
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| 1 st Exam | Score | 0 = needs assistance to keep from falling; unable to try | | |
| | | 1 = able to complete > 2 steps; needs minimal assistance | | |
| 2 nd Exam | | 2 = able to complete 4 steps w/supervision/without aid | | |
| 3 rd Exam | | 3 = able to stand independently and complete 8 steps, but takes more than 20 seconds | | |
| | | 4 = able to stand independently and complete 8 steps in 20 seconds or less | | |
| | | Do this activity 4 times. Count the number of times the client's "step" touched the stool. | | |
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| fr yo so | 13. Stand without support and place one foot direct in front of the other. If you feel that you can't place your foot direct in front, try to step far enough ahead so the heel of your forward foot is ahead of the toes on the other foot. | | | |
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| 1 st Exam | Score | 0 = loses balance while stepping or standing | | |
| | | 1 = needs help to step but can hold for 15 seconds | | |
| 2 nd Exam | | 2 = able to take a small step independently and hold for 30 seconds | | |
| 3 rd Exam | | 3 = able to place one foot ahead of the other independently and hold for 30 seconds | | |
| | | 4 = able to place foot heel-to-toe independently and hold for 30 seconds | | |

| 14. Stand on one leg as long as you can without support. | | | | | | | | | |
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| 1 st Exam | Score | 0 = unable to try or needs assistance to prevent falling | | | | | | | |
| 2 nd Exam | | 1 = tries to lift leg; unable to hold 3 seconds, but remains standing independently | | | | | | | |
| | | 2 = able to lift leg independently + hold = or > 3 seconds | | | | | | | |
| 3 rd Exam | | 3 = able to lift leg independently + hold for 5-10 seconds | | | | | | | |
| | | 4 = able to lift leg independently and hold > 10 seconds | | | | | | | |

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