

The Little Schmidy Pediatric Hospital Fall Risk Assessment Index

Little Schmidy – 4 (LS4)		
Assess and document once per shift and if patient status changes in any of the item categories		
Item	Response Options	Score
Mobility	Ambulates with no gait disturbance OR Unable to ambulate or transfer	0
	Ambulates with unsteady gait and no assistive device OR Ambulates/ transfers with assistive device	1
Elimination	Independent OR diapers	0
	Independent with frequency or diarrhea OR needs assistance with toilet	1
History of Illness Related Falls	No history of illness related fall	0
	Yes, previous admission OR during current admission	1
Current Medications	<u>Not</u> receiving anticonvulsants, opioids, or benzodiazepines	0
	<u>Yes</u> , receiving anticonvulsants, opioids, or benzodiazepines	1
Total Score	Score of 1 or more triggers Fall Risk Care Plan	0 to 4

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Instructions:

1. Compute a Little Schmidy Pediatric Fall Risk Assessment score for each pediatric patient on admission, every shift, and whenever a change in the patient's condition affects the child's risk of falling.
2. Select one response from each category and add all responses together to calculate the total score.
3. Implement fall precautions per pediatric falls prevention program for scores ≥ 1 , or based on clinical judgment of falls risk despite score of zero.

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