

Clinical Question: “What is the quality, quantity, and consistency of the nurse role in prescreening mobility tools for the adult hospitalized patient in the acute care setting?”

To answer the clinical question, PubMed, CINAHL, Clinical Key, Cochrane Reviews, and Google Scholar databases were searched in addition to having a Librarian independently search for articles. There was no evidence found that addresses specifically to the nurse role in prescreening mobility tools. Our search results are supported by Krupp et al. (2019) systematic review identifying the significant gap in describing the role of the nurse in early mobility interventions and Constantin & Dahlke (2017) integrative review reveal little is known about how frequently nurses are mobilizing and more research is needed to better understand the essential information nurses need about mobilization and how workplace contexts affect nurses’ ability to mobilize hospitalized older patients. **In conclusion, there is no evidence to support the nurse role of a prescreening mobility tool on evaluation for inpatient physical therapy referrals and outcomes is unknown from an evidence, *a-priori* standpoint.** Although not part of answering the clinical question, there were noteworthy articles related to *interdisciplinary approach on early mobility assessment tools on, AM-PAC ‘6-Clicks’ and BMAT* provided in this report that can align with safe patient handling mobility programs. Additionally, KPSC related nursing research evidence review on mobility tools, scale, psychometrics for adult hospitalized inpatient units, and the HER-Mobility Ambulation Tool article are included for future mobility tools decision making.

Interdisciplinary approach on early mobility

Krupp et al. (2023) findings from this systematic review on evaluating literature around early mobilization in the ICU setting showed most studies involved an interdisciplinary team approach. There is significant need for future study of interdisciplinary models and how physical therapists and nurses work together to support functional outcomes. Less is known at the systems level how nurses and physical therapists work together to maintain functional outcomes for the unit, specifically it is not known how nurses make decisions about providing mobility standard of care and then identify high-risk patients that require physical therapy interventions. The role of the nurse during mobility in these models was not clearly described. There is evidence of the role of nurses in preparing patients for mobility such as managing pain and sedation, but none is known how nurses prioritize mobility within a complex shift. Additional research is needed to learn how nurses make decisions about initiating mobility and increasing the role of activity with increasingly complex populations.




Constantin & Dahlke (2017) integrative review had 13 articles identifying themes on frequency of nurse mobilizing patients, nursing characteristics of perceptions about their responsibility for mobility, facilitators of nurse-initiated mobility on NICHE units. Little is unknown about the frequency of nurses mobilizing patients and more




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<p>both instruments do not need to be administered and, therefore, elimination of one tool may add to the efficiency of routine functional assessments of the health care providers utilizing them. The study outcomes revealed that both tools were statistically significant and moderately correlated, but do not have identical constructs. Lininger et al. concluded that moderate levels of convergent validity exist between the '6-Clicks' and the BMAT in study sample. These findings demonstrated that the construct of patient mobility is not being assessed similarly between the two instruments and that the continued use of both instruments will allow interdisciplinary assessment of patient mobility status during a hospital stay.</p> <p>In Boynton et al. (2020), quality report of a pilot study summarizes the elements of BMAT consisting of four assessments, see Table, p. 222. BMAT version 2.0 clarifies new knowledge in identifying the patient's mobility status and choosing the right safe patient handling mobility equipment, thus decreasing nurse injuries, article does not specify psychometrics of BMAT tool. There five tools highlighted in the Boynton et al. (2020) article. These included: Barthel Index of Activities of Daily Living (BI) (Mahoney 1965), Timed Up and Go Test (TUG) (Mathias- 1986), Physical Examination (PPME) (Winograd 1994), Elderly Mobility Scale (EMS) 1994; updated in 2012 (Elderly Mobility Scale. Ver 2 2012), Hierarchal Assessment of Balance and Mobility (HABAM) (MacKnight 2000) that were also mentioned in the nursing evidence review below.</p> <p>Additionally, Rose et al. (2022), a continuous quality improvement was completed to decrease staff injuries due to patient handling and inconsistent documentation of mobility assessments. The project concluded BMAT use promoted early mobilization and decreased staff injuries, improved communication among staff, decreased falls. Essential to have staff commitment and interpersonal involvement with BMAT. Although the article meets inclusion, it does not address psychometrics of the BMAT tool.</p>	 Boynton et al_2020.pdf  Rose_Implementing bedsi
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<p>Attached is the KPSC 2014 review on Mobility Strategies for Adult Hospitalized Patients on Medical/Surgical and Critical Care Units <i>Mobility Tools, Scales, and Instruments from the Evidence</i> (Crawford, 2014).</p> <p><u>There are twenty-two mobility Tools/Scales with psychometrics and key discussion points for each in the review.</u></p>	 5_Mobility Assessment Tools_P:
<p>Kawar et al. (2021), this multisite mixed methods research study validated the HER-Mobility Ambulation Tool and sustainability. Results showed that the 5 levels/15 scores tool is valid ($r=0.624$),</p>	

<p>reliable (Cronbach's $\alpha=0.761$), and stable tool. This tool provides updated continuous patients' mobility levels and scores based on nurses' assessment/documentation from admission to discharge. This HER-Mobility Ambulation Tool can assist the interdisciplinary team including Physical therapy and physicians in care planning, provide suitable interventions to maintain/increase hospitalized patient's mobility, and determine discharge planning. Other potentials could include safe patient handling and mobilization; decrease patients' length of stay, complications, and 30-day readmission; as well as care transition.</p> <p>"The inspirational motto of the mobility program is simple: the human body was designed to move. With the EHR-Mobility Ambulation Tool as the linchpin of this innovative program, frontline nurses can ensure that promise is fulfilled. (P. 73)" Further testing is encouraged.</p>	 <p>19. Validity_and_Useful</p> <p>See table 3 in article for detailed levels and scores</p>
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Evidence Search Strategies: An evidence review on the selected clinical question was conducted in May 2023. The search was to examine the evidence for the quantity, quality, and consistency of the evidence for the nurse role in prescreening mobility for adult patients hospitalized in the acute care setting.

Search terms were broad and included search terms mobility screening tool, mobility prescreening tool, nurse mobility prescreening tool, mobility and nurse and prescreening, (Inpatient OR hospital) mobility screening tool entered independently or in combination to ensure an exhaustive search for relevant literature that will answer the clinical question. Electronic databases included PubMed, Clinical Key, CINAHL, Cochrane Libraries, and Google Scholar. Searches were individualized for each database. After evaluation for inclusion and exclusion criteria, and relevance to the question, no articles were found that answer the role of the nurse prescreening mobility tool on evaluation of inpatient physical therapy referrals and outcomes for this clinical question.

Searchable Question
Key Search Terms: mobility screening tool, mobility prescreening tool, nurse mobility prescreening tool, mobility and nurse and prescreening, (Inpatient OR hospital) mobility screening tool
Inclusion Criteria: inpatient hospital, med/surg/telemetry, ICU, FCC, adult, nurse pre-screening mobility tool, psychometrics, BMAT and AM-PAC aka (6-Click)
Exclusion Criteria: COVID-19 pandemic, not adult, ambulatory, home health, skilled nursing facility, independent only physical therapy, occupational therapy
Limitors (Open year or year ranges, age ranges, and language, etc.): 2018-2023; English, human, U.S. only
Databases: PubMed, CINAHL, Clinical Key, Cochrane Library, Google Scholar

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