### Availability:
The FIM™ is proprietary. For further information about obtaining the scale, syllabus, and training materials please contact:
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### Classification:
**Basic**: Acute/Hospitalized and Moderate/Severe Rehabilitation Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)

**Supplemental**: Concussion/Mild TBI and Epidemiology TBI

### Short Description of Instrument:
The FIM™ is an 18-item ordinal scale, used with all diagnoses within a rehabilitation population. Items are grouped into two subscales: Motor and Cognitive. The FIM™ measures degree of independence in activities of self-care, sphincter control, transfers, locomotion, communication, and cognition.

FIM was originally an acronym for "Functional Independence Measure". It is still often cited as this in the literature. The current owners of the FIM™ instrument have decided that the acronym FIM™ no longer stands for anything and should be referred to only as FIM™.

The Motor Subscale consists of:

- 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
### Scoring:
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.

Scores may be used raw or converted to interval scores. Higher scores indicate greater independence.

### References:
