

Flacker Mortality Index

Use the Flacker Mortality Score and the Resident Assessment Instrument to complete the chart below.

Resident characteristic	Scoring chart	Score
Functional Ability Score*	If summary Functional Ability Score is greater than 4, score 2.50	_____
Weight loss	If lost five or more pounds in the last 30 days, or 10 or more pounds in the last 180 days, score 2.26	_____
Shortness of breath	If patient has shortness of breath, score 2.08	_____
Swallowing problems	If patient has swallowing problems, score 1.81	_____
Gender	If male, score 1.76	_____
Body mass index	If BMI is less than 22 kg/m, score 1.75	_____
Congestive heart failure	If patient has CHF, score 1.57	_____
Age	If greater than 88 years old, score 1.48	_____
Total score		_____

*To derive the Functional Ability Score, use MDS data for the following seven items: bed mobility, transferring, eating, toileting, hygiene, locomotion on unit and dressing. Each item is scored on a scale of 0 (no impairment) to 4 (high impairment), yielding a summary scale score ranging from 0-28.

If total score is:	Probability of dying within one year is approximately:
0-2	7 percent
3-6	19 percent
7-10	50 percent
11+	86 percent

Source: Derived from Flacker, J.M., and Kiely, D.K. A practical approach to identifying mortality-related factors in established long-term care residents. Journal of the America Geriatrics Society, 1998, 46(8): 1012-1015.

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