

MDS Alert

Risk Assessment: Cover Your Risks--Compare Standardized Assessment Tools

Are you augmenting assessments with individualized data collection?

Check out the different pressure-ulcer risk territory covered by the Norton and Braden Scale instruments.

Norton Scale: Includes five clinical categories (physical condition, mental condition, activity, mobility, incontinence).

Review the scale at http://coa.kumc.edu/GEC/modules/norton_scale-printing.htm.

Braden Scale: Includes six clinical categories (sensory perception, skin moisture, activity, mobility, nutrition, and friction and shear).

Review the scale at <http://www.bradenscale.com/braden.PDF>.