

OASIS Alert

Try These Toileting Assessment Tips

You have a lot to consider when responding to OASIS items M1840 ☐ Toilet Transferring and M1845 ☐ Toileting Hygiene. Keep these tips from Pat Jump with Rice Lake, Wis.-based **Acorn's End Training & Consulting** in mind to help boost your accuracy:

- Be sure to actually watch the client perform the tasks involved in these items.
- Carefully complete a safety check of the home, including the location of bathrooms.
- Note any physical or sensory impairments affecting the client such as poor vision, cognitive impairment, balance or range of motion issues.
- Remember that assistance includes stand-by assistance.
- Consider the client's ability regardless of the presence or absence of a caregiver. If the client is able to safely get to and from the toilet and transfer with assistance, your answer to M1840 should be response "1 ☐ When reminded, assisted, or supervised by another person, able to get to and from the toilet and transfer" even if there is no caregiver in the home.
- Keep in mind that M1845 includes both personal hygiene ability and managing clothing.
- Consider what the client is able to do on the day of assessment. If the ability varies, consider what the client's ability is more than 50 percent of the time.
- If the client needs assistance on any activity listed within the item, select response "2 ☐ Someone must help the patient to maintain toileting hygiene and/or adjust clothing" for M1845.