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The Morse Fall Scale (MFS) is a rapid and simple method of assessing a patient's likelihood of falling. A large majority of nurses (82.9%) rate the scale as quick and easy to use, and 54% estimated that it took less than 3 minutes to rate a patient. It consists of six variables that are quick and easy to score, and it has been shown to have predictive validity and interrater reliability. The MFS is used widely in acute care settings, both in the hospital and long term care inpatient settings.

1. History of falling; immediate or within 3 months

☐ No - 0 ☐ Yes - 25

2. Secondary diagnosis

☐ No - 0 ☐ Yes - 15

3. Ambulatory aid

☐ Bed rest/nurse assist - 0 ☐ Crutches/cane/walker - 15 ☐ Furniture - 30

4. IV/Heparin Lock

☐ No - 0 ☐ Yes - 20

5. Gait/Transferring

☐ Normal/bedrest/immobile - 0 ☐ Weak - 10 ☐ Impaired - 20

6. Mental status

☐ Oriented to own ability - 0 ☐ Forgets limitations - 15