

Partners HealthCare (PHS) Morse Fall Scale (MFS) Competency Request Form

The **PHS Morse Fall Scale Competency** was developed by the Partners HealthCare Fall Prevention Task Force, is based on the work of Dr. Jan Morse¹ and is intended to assist with competency training of nurses in proper use of the MFS. The psychometric properties of the MFS have been widely published.¹⁻³ You may use the Competency for training purposes provided the content is not altered in any manner. The PHS Morse Fall Scale Competency is completed on date of hire and annually by all nurses in PHS hospitals. Because some MFS items require direct observation (i.e. gait disturbance and mental status) they must be estimated when using a case study based competency. Therefore, additional training involving direct assessment of patients is recommended.

We ask that you complete this form to gain permission to use the **PHS Morse Fall Scale Competency** (copyright 2011). Your request will be processed within five business days.

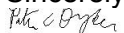
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Thank you for your interest in this work. We ask that all communications concerning the use of the competency be sent to **Patricia C. Dykes, Senior Nurse Scientist, Center for Nursing Excellence, Brigham and Women's Hospital** or you can e-mail it to pdykes@partners.org.

Please submit an executive summary of the findings from your competency work. We wish you success with your research and fall prevention practice endeavors and look forward to reading your results. Please feel free to connect with us regarding any questions you may have.

Sincerely,



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