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Baseline Dyspnea Index (BDI)**

Availability:	<p>Please visit this website for more information about the instrument:</p> <p>Baseline Dyspnea Index</p>
Classification:	Exploratory for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis
Short Description of Instrument:	The BDI grades the severity of dyspnea at a single point in time and contains three classification axes: functional impairment (activities of daily living), magnitude of task in exertional capacity (intensity of activity), and magnitude of subject effort (effort or difficulty breathing). The BDI is easy to administer and useful for measuring baseline dyspnea levels.
Scoring:	Each axis contains five categories rated 0 to 4. Scores are summed for a baseline score that ranges from 0 to 12.
References:	<p>Takashi Hajiro, Koichi Nishmura, Mitsuhiro Tsukino, Akihiko Ikeda, Jiroschi Koyama, et al. Analysis of Clinical Methods Used to Evaluate Dyspnea in Patients with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. Am. J. Respir. Crit. Care Med., Volume 158, Number 4, October 1998, 1185-1189</p> <p>Maher DA, Ward J, Fierro-Carrion G, Waterman LA, Lentine TF, Mejia-Alfaro R, Baird JC. Development of Self-Administered versions of modified baseline and transition dyspnea indexes in COPD. COPD. 2004;1 (2) 165-72.</p>