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Spinal Cord Injury Pressure Ulcer Scale (SCIPUS)**

Availability:	<p>Please visit this website for the instrument:</p> <p>SpinalCord Injury Pressure Ulcer Scale Instrument Link</p> <p>For more information:</p> <p>Spinal Cord Injury Rehabilitation Evidence Spinal Cord Injury Pressure Ulcer Scale Link</p>
Classification:	<p>Exploratory: Spinal Cord Injury (SCI); not recommended for youth younger than 18 years of age.</p>
Short Description of Instrument:	<p>Assesses risk for pressure ulcers among SCI patients engaged in rehabilitation.</p> <p>SCI patients are assessed on 7 dimensions. Most items are dichotomously (scored 0 if absent or 1 to 2 when present). Four items are rated on a 3-point scale based on criteria described on the SCIPUS scoring sheet.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Level of activity 2. Levels of mobility 3. Severity of SCI <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Complete SCI b. Autonomic dysreflexia or severe spasticity 4. Urine incontinence or constantly moist 5. Pre-existing conditions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Age b. Tobacco use/smoking c. Pulmonary disease d. Cardiac disease or blood glucose e. Renal disease f. Impaired cognitive function 6. Residence in a nursing home or hospital 7. Nutrition <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Albumin < 3.4 or total protein, < 6.4 b. Anemia (hematocrit < 36.0%) <p>Age range: Adult: 18–64 years; Elderly adult: 65+</p>

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Scoring:	<p>Number of items: 15</p> <p>Typically administered by a trained clinician.</p> <p>Dichotomous items are given a weighted score of 0 when absent and 1 or 2 when present and non-dichotomous items are given a weighted score based on the descriptive criteria provided on the scoring sheet. For example, the presence of pulmonary disease (ICD codes 450, 460-519 & 796.0) = a score of 2. A summary score is calculated by adding the domain scores together.</p> <p>Cut-off score: Cutoff > 6 indicates patient is at risk.</p>
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