

## Department of Rehabilitation Services The Activities-specific Balance Confidence (ABC) Scale\*

For <u>each</u> of the following activities, please indicate your level of self-confidence by choosing a corresponding number from the following rating scale:

| 0%    | 10 20      | 30   | 40      | 50     | 60             | 70      | 80      | 90      | 100%        |            |  |
|-------|------------|--|---------|--------|----------------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|------------|--|
| no co | onfidence  |  |         |        |                | com     | pletel  | y con   | fident      |            |  |
|       |            |  |         |        |                |         | _       |         |             |            |  |
| "How  | confident  | are yo   | ou that | you v  | vill <u>no</u> | t lose  | your t  | alanc   | e or becom  | ne         |  |
| unste | ady when y | ou   |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 1.    | walk       | walk around the house?%  |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 2.    | walk       | walk up or down stairs?%   |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 3.    | bend       | bend over and pick up a slipper from the front of a closet floor |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
|       | %          |  |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 4.    | reach      | n for a  | small   | can o  | ff a sh        | elf at  | eye le  | vel? _  | <u>%</u>    |            |  |
| 5.    | stand      | l on yo  | our tip | toes a | nd rea         | ch for  | some    | thing a | above your  | head?      |  |
|       | %          |  |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 6.    | stand      | stand on a chair and reach for something?%                       |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 7.    | swee       | sweep the floor?%  |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 8.    | walk       | walk outside the house to a car parked in the driveway?%         |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 9.    | get in     | nto or   | out of  | a car  | ?              | %       |         |         |             |            |  |
| 10    |            | walk across a parking lot to the mall?%                          |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 11    | walk       | walk up or down a ramp?%   |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 12    | walk       | in a c   | rowde   | d mal  | l when         | re peop | ole rap | oidly v | valk past y | ou?        |  |
|       | %          |  |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 13    |            | -  |         | • •    | -              | •       |         | _       | n the mall? |            |  |
| 14    | step       | onto o   | or off  | an esc | alator         | while   | you a   | re hol  | ding onto a | ı railing? |  |
|       | %          |  |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 15    | step       | onto o   | or off  | an esc | alator         | while   | holdi   | ng ont  | o parcels s | uch that   |  |
|       | you can    |  |         |        | •              |         |         |         |             |            |  |
| 16    | walk       | outsi  | de on i | cy sic | lewalk         | s?      | _%      |         |             |            |  |
|       |            |  |         |        |                |         |         |         |             |            |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Powell, LE & Myers AM. The Activities-specific Balance Confidence (ABC) Scale. *J Gerontol Med Sci* 1995; 50(1): M28-34