

Norton Scale for Assessing Risk of Pressure Ulcers

	Physical Condition	Mental Condition	Activity	Mobility	Incontinent	Total Score
	Good 4 Fair 3 Poor 2 Very bad 1	Alert 4 Apathetic 3 Confused 2 Stupor 1	Ambulant 4 Walk/help 3 Chair-bound 2 Bed 1	Full 4 Slightly Limited 3 Very Limited 2 Immobile 1	Not 4 Occasional 3 Usually/urine 2 Doubly 1	
Name/Date						

The Norton Scale uses five criteria to assess patients' risk for pressure ulcers. Scores of 14 or less indicate liability to ulcers; scores of <12 indicate very high risk.

Norton, D., McLaren, R. & Exton-Smith, A. N. (1962). An investigation of geriatric nursing problems in hospital. London: National Corporation for the Care of Old People (now Centre for Policy on Ageing).