



Functional OASIS Collaboration Resource for Home Health Therapists

What is the Functional Status Collaboration Tool?

The Functional Status Collaboration Tool is a mandatory portion of evaluations. It is comprised of 12 M-item questions and GG sections GG0130 Self-Care and GG0170 Mobility. These questions all correlate to items found on the OASIS.

OASIS data is used to measure change in a patient's health status between two or more time points and is reflective of the patient's outcomes. Outcome data for patients allows agencies to compare their patient outcomes to a prior time period or to the national sample of other home health agencies. Patient outcomes encompass one of the two publicly reported STAR ratings agencies receive.

An example of an OASIS-based outcome measure is whether a patient improves in the ability to ambulate independently between the home health start of care (SOC) and discharge.

Why do evaluators need to fill it out?

Completing this tool allows our partnered agencies to cross-reference how we scored a patient to how they scored the same patient on the OASIS items to ensure the most accurate ratings. With the OASIS-D update in January of 2019, the traditional one clinician rule was expanded to allow collaboration between all disciplines on the OASIS.

Additionally, this tool allows functional outcome data tracking to assess patient outcomes which is imperative in the post-acute care world of home health.

How often is the Functional Status Collaboration Tool filled out?

Evaluators will fill out the Functional Status Collaboration Tool during initial evaluations, recertifications, post-hospital evaluations and discharge visits. Moving forward, completing the Functional Status Collaboration Tool is not optional and must be filled out during these assessment time points.

Once the Functional Status Collaboration Tool has been completed for a quality episode, TherapySync has a Patient Report Card located on the Patient Record under the Special Instructions section where the patient's functional outcomes can easily be seen. This is a great tool for therapists to utilize to monitor outcomes in their patients.

****Please refer to the Functional Status Collaboration Tool for tips and full detailed instructions for filling out each individual assessment item****