BMAT Algorithm

Assess mobility level before moving patient

Activity order present?

Yes → Out of bed order

No → Stop → Request One

Out of bed order

Yes → Pass safety screen?

No → Strict Bedrest → Stop

Pass safety screen?

Yes → 1. Sit and Shake: Can patient sit on EOB on own > 2 minutes and shake hand across midline?

No → BMAT level 1: Bedfast/dependent; HIGH Falls Risk

Use equipment for mobility*

1. Sit and Shake: Can patient sit on EOB on own > 2 minutes and shake hand across midline?

Yes → BMAT level 2: Chairfast; HIGH Falls Risk

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2. Stretch and Point: Can patient stretch legs, straighten knees, bend ankles, and flex/point toes?

No → BMAT level 3: Stand and Transfer; HIGH Falls Risk

Use equipment for mobility*

Yes → 3. Stand: Can patient come to standing on own with walker/cane/bedrail AND remain standing > 5 seconds?

No → BMAT level 4: Walk; Independently; May/may not be HIGH Falls Risk

Use assistive devices, if needed.

Yes

4. Walk: Can patient maintain balance/stability to march in place AND step forward & back with each foot? (May use assistive devices, if needed)

No

Yes

* Refer to BMAT instruction sheet for appropriate equipment to use with mobility.