

# Patient Acuity Assessment

An important part of preparedness is knowing each patient’s status, physical needs, and the availability of a caregiver to assist in an emergency. Upon admission, each patient should have an acuity assessment completed and kept on file for easy access. Using acuity levels, patients should then be categorized in an acuity risk level report. This list should be updated frequently and be easily accessible. The following Patient Acuity Assessment Template can be modified to fit the patient population that the organization serves.

## Exhibit C: Patient Acuity Assessment Template

<b>Patient Name / I.D.</b>	Caregiver:		
Address:	Phone Number:		
Diagnosis:			
Case Manager/Assigned Staff:			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>High Acuity/Risk</b> – Assistance is needed, no caregiver available or unable to assist, requires visit to meet need within 24 hours.</li> <li><b>Moderate Acuity/Risk</b> – Caregiver is available but patient/caregiver needs support, requires visit within 24-48 hours.</li> <li><b>Low Acuity/Risk</b> – Caregiver is available, visit can be postponed greater than 48 hours.</li> </ol>			
<b>MEDICAL PROCEDURES / TREATMENTS</b>	<b>1-High Priority</b>	<b>2-Moderate Priority</b>	<b>3-Low Priority</b>
<b>Respiratory</b>			
Ventilator			
BiPap			
Oxygen			
Suction			
Nebulizer			
Tracheostomy Care			
<b>Nutrition</b>			
Enteral Nutrition (Tube Feedings)			
Parental Nutrition (TPN)			
Meal Preparation			
Needs assistance to be fed			
<b>Elimination</b>			
Colostomy/ileostomy			
Urinary Catheter (indwelling or intermittent)			
Dialysis in home			
Dialysis at center			
Toileting Assistance Needed			
Incontinent			
<b>Medication</b>			
Oral Medication Assistance			
Intravenous Medication Continuous			
Intravenous Medication Intermittent			

<b>MEDICAL PROCEDURES / TREATMENTS (cont.)</b>	<b>1-High Priority</b>	<b>2-Moderate Priority</b>	<b>3-Low Priority</b>
<b>Wound Care</b>			
Basic Wound Care:			
Complicated Wound Care:			
Wound Vac			
Infection - MRSA, VRE			
<b>ADLS / SUPERVISION / COMMUNICATION</b>	<b>1-High Priority</b>	<b>2-Moderate Priority</b>	<b>3-Low Priority</b>
Bedbound			
Requires Assistance with Transfer			
Wheelchair Dependent			
Dementia/Alzheimer's Supervision			
Behavioral Health Supervision			
Aphasia			
Deafness			
Non-English Language			
<b>Other</b>			
Disease Management Assessment			
Palliative Care			
Hospice Care			
Transport Car			
Transport Wheelchair			
Transport Ambulance			
<b>DURABLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT</b>	<b>In Home</b>	<b>Requires Electric</b>	<b>Portable</b>
Oxygen			
Ventilator, Bipap, Cpap			
Suction			
Nebulizer			
Walker, Crutches, canes			
Hospital Bed			
Specialty Air Mattress			
Hoyer Lift			
Wheelchair			
<b>MEDICAL SUPPLIES</b>	<b>Amount needed per day/week</b>		
Ostomy			
Catheter			
Glucometer			
Insulin Pumps			
Wound Supplies			
Other			