

Timed Up and Go Instructions

General Information (derived from Podsiadlo and Richardson, 1991):

- The patient should sit on a standard armchair, placing his/her back against the chair and resting his/her arms chair's arms. Any assistive device used for walking should be nearby.
- Regular footwear and customary walking aids should be used.
- The patient should walk to a line that is 3 meters (9.8 feet) away, turn around at the line, walk back to the chair, and sit down.
- The test ends when the patient's buttocks touch the seat.
- Patients should be instructed to use a comfortable and safe walking speed.
- A stopwatch should be used to time the test (in seconds).

Set-up:

- Measure and mark a 3 meter (9.8 feet) walkway
- Place a standard height chair (seat height 46cm, arm height 67cm) at the beginning of the walkway

Patient Instructions (derived from Podsiadlo and Richardson, 1991):

- Instruct the patient to sit on the chair and place his/her back against the chair and rest his/her arms chair's arms.
- The upper extremities should not be on the assistive device (if used for walking), but it should be nearby.
- Demonstrate the test to the patient.
- When the patient is ready, say "Go"
- The stopwatch should start when you say go, and should be stopped with the patient's buttocks touch the seat.

Timed Up and Go Testing Form

Name: _____

Assistive Device and/or Bracing Used: _____

Date: _____

TUG Time: _____

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Reference:

Podsiadlo, D. and Richardson, S. (1991). "The timed "Up & Go": a test of basic functional mobility for frail elderly persons." J Am Geriatr Soc 39(2): 142-148.