

GERIATRIC MEDICINE Skills Fair—STATION 4

Braden Score Case

An 87 year old woman is in post-acute care in a skilled nursing facility following a stroke several weeks ago. She has expressive aphasia and is having difficulties communicating, although she is awake, making eye contact, and seems to understand some commands. She continues to have significant weakness from her stroke, and can not transfer on her own. Some spasticity is beginning to develop. She is in bed much of the day, and is only up to a chair for short periods of time for meals and very limited activities. She tends to slide down in the bed or chair, and she is not really able to reposition herself effectively without help. Therapies (PT, OT, ST) are ongoing but progress is slow. She is incontinent and her skin is often moist when checked, though not always. She is receiving feedings by PEG tube which have been calculated to meet her nutritional needs.

What is her Braden Scale Score? _____

What does this score mean? _____