

	All patients $n = 28$				Excluded patients with top scores $n = 18$	
	Pearson's correlation		Spearman's correlation		Pearson's correlation	
	' r '	p -value	' r '	p -value	' r '	p -value
Discharge FIM	0.738	<0.001	0.644	<0.001	0.674	0.002
LOS	-0.722	<0.001	-0.771	<0.001	-0.490	0.039
TW10CS*	-0.644	<0.001	-0.593	0.001	-0.577	0.012
TW10MS¶	-0.654	<0.001	-0.574	0.001	-0.598	0.009
COG	-0.601	0.001	-0.545	0.003	-0.537	0.022
Posturography speed	0.482	0.011	0.440	0.022	0.537	0.026

* TW10CS: time to walk 10 metres at a comfort speed. ¶ TW10MS: time to walk 10 metres at a maximal speed. LOS: length of stay; COG: centre of gravity.

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BOOK REVIEW

Essentials of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Walter R. Frontera
Julie K. Silver eds., pp. 836, 2001. Price 95. ISBN: 1 56053 443 5.
Hanley Belfus Inc., Philadelphia.

This book is divided into two major sections: the first comprises 91 chapters, in which various aspects of musculoskeletal disorders are covered; the second describes the rehabilitation of some 54 chronic conditions.

Each chapter follows the same structure, starting with synonyms and the ICD-9 code for each condition, followed by its definition, symptoms, physical examination, functional limitations, diagnostic procedures, treatment methods, and potential disease and treatment complications. The text reads easily and drawings, tables and pictures illustrate the most common disorders.

The book is in essence a summary of a range of conditions and is

intended for a wide readership including general practitioners and specialists in orthopaedics, rheumatology, neurology and general internal medicine. Allied healthcare providers will also find the contents interesting in their daily practice. For physical medicine rehabilitation specialists the book is not sufficiently comprehensive. They can, however, recommend it to members of their multidisciplinary team, for whom it will be a good basis on which to proceed, supplemented with other, more specific physical medicine rehabilitation textbooks.

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