

Functional outcome

Functional [outcome](#) distinguishes itself from [clinical outcome](#), focused instead of an individual's recovery in areas such as vocational and social functioning rather than [symptom](#) resolution.

Assessment of functional [outcomes](#) requires, first, a good working definition and, second, sufficiently reliable and valid measures from which to choose. With the advent of new or refined conceptualizations of patient outcomes, the functional domain has expanded to address not only routine activities of daily life but also the richly diverse aspects believed to constitute quality of life ¹⁾.

see Glasgow Outcome Scale-Extended ([GOSE](#)); SWL: [Satisfaction with Life Scale](#) ([SWLS](#)).

Assesment

Assessment of [Spinal cord injury outcome](#) in the [hospital](#)

Level II: the Functional Impairment Measure™ (FIM™) is recommended

Level III: the [modified Barthel index](#) is recommended ²⁾.

Extended Glasgow Outcome Scale

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Modified Barthel index

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