OASIS ITEM:

(M0700) Ambulation/Locomotion: Ability to SAFELY walk, once in a standing position, or use a wheelchair, once in a seated position, on a variety of surfaces.

Prior	Current			
☐	☐	0	-	Able to independently walk on even and uneven surfaces and climb stairs with or without railings (i.e., needs no human assistance or assistive device).
☐	☐	1	-	Requires use of a device (e.g., cane, walker) to walk alone or requires human supervision or assistance to negotiate stairs or steps or uneven surfaces.
☐	☐	2	-	Able to walk only with the supervision or assistance of another person at all times.
☐	☐	3	-	Chairfast, unable to ambulate but is able to wheel self independently.
☐	☐	4	-	Chairfast, unable to ambulate and is unable to wheel self.
☐	☐	5	-	Bedfast, unable to ambulate or be up in a chair.
☐		UK	-	Unknown

DEFINITION:

Identifies the patient's ability and the type of assistance required to safely ambulate or propel self in a wheelchair over a variety of surfaces. The prior column should describe the patient's ability 14 days prior to the start (or resumption) of care visit. The focus for today's assessment – the "current" column – is on what the patient is able to do today.

TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:

Start of care - prior and current ability
Resumption of care - prior and current ability
Follow-up - current ability
Discharge from agency - not to an inpatient facility -- current ability

RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

- If the patient requires standby assistance to safely ambulate or requires verbal cueing/reminders, then Response 1 or Response 2 applies, depending on the quantity of assistance needed.
- Responses 3 and 4 refer to a patient who is unable to ambulate, even with the use of assistive devices and assistance. A patient who demonstrates or reports ability to take one or two steps to complete a transfer, but is otherwise unable to ambulate should be considered chairfast, and would be scored 3 or 4, based on ability to wheel self.
- "UK - Unknown" is an option only in the "prior" column. This response should be used only if there is no way to determine the patient's prior ability on this item.

A combined observation/interview approach with the patient or caregiver is required to determine the most accurate response for this item. Ask the patient about ambulation ability. Observe the patient ambulating across the room or to the bathroom and the type of assistance required. Note if the patient uses furniture or walls for support, and assess if patient should use a walker or cane for safe ambulation. Observe patient's ability and safety on stairs. If chairfast, assess ability to safely propel wheelchair independently.