

OASIS ITEM:	
(M0740) Laundry: Ability to do own laundry -- to carry laundry to and from washing machine, to use washer and dryer, to wash small items by hand.	
<u>Prior</u>	<u>Current</u>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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	(a) Able to independently take care of all laundry tasks; <u>OR</u> (b) Physically, cognitively, and mentally able to do laundry and access facilities, <u>but</u> has not routinely performed laundry tasks in the past (i.e., prior to this home care admission).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1	-
	Able to do only light laundry, such as minor hand wash or light washer loads. Due to physical, cognitive, or mental limitations, needs assistance with heavy laundry such as carrying large loads of laundry.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	-
	<u>Unable</u> to do any laundry due to physical limitation or needs continual supervision and assistance due to cognitive or mental limitation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	UK
	- Unknown
DEFINITION:	
Identifies the patient's physical, cognitive, and mental ability to do laundry, even if the patient does not routinely perform this task. The prior column should describe the patient's ability <u>14 days prior to the start (or resumption) of care visit</u> . The focus for today's assessment – the "current" column – is on what the patient is <u>able</u> to do today.	
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:	
Start of care - prior and current ability Resumption of care - prior and current ability Discharge from agency - not to an inpatient facility -- current ability	
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ability to do laundry is impacted by the patient's environment (i.e., is the washing machine on the same floor, in the same building, etc.). The patient's ability to do laundry in his/her own environment should be considered in responding to this item. "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. 	
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:	
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 ability to do laundry, even if this task is not routinely performed. Utilize observations made during the assessment of cognitive status, ambulation, transferring, and other activities of daily living to assist in determining the best response to this item. Awareness of the location of laundry facilities (from the environmental assessment) is also needed.	