**Morse Fall Scale**

| **Item** | **Item Score** | **Patient Score** |
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| 1. History of falling (immediate or previous) | No 0  Yes 25 |  |
| 2. Secondary diagnosis (≥ 2 medical diagnoses in chart) | No 0  Yes 15 |  |
| 3. Ambulatory aid  None  Crutches/cane/walker  Furniture | 0  15  30 |  |
| 4. Intravenous therapy/heparin lock | No 0  Yes 20 |  |
| 5. Gait  Normal/wheelchair  Weak\*  Impaired† | 0  10  20 |  |
| 6. Mental status  Oriented to own ability  Overestimates/forgets limitations | 0  15 |  |
| **Total Score: Tally the patient score and record.**  <25: Low risk  25-45: Moderate risk  >45: High risk | |  |

\* Weak gait: Short steps (may shuffle), stooped but able to lift head while walking, may seek support from furniture while walking, but with light touch (for reassurance).

† Impaired gait: Short steps with shuffle; may have difficulty arising from chair; head down; significantly impaired balance, requiring furniture, support person, or walking aid to walk.