Post-COVID-19:

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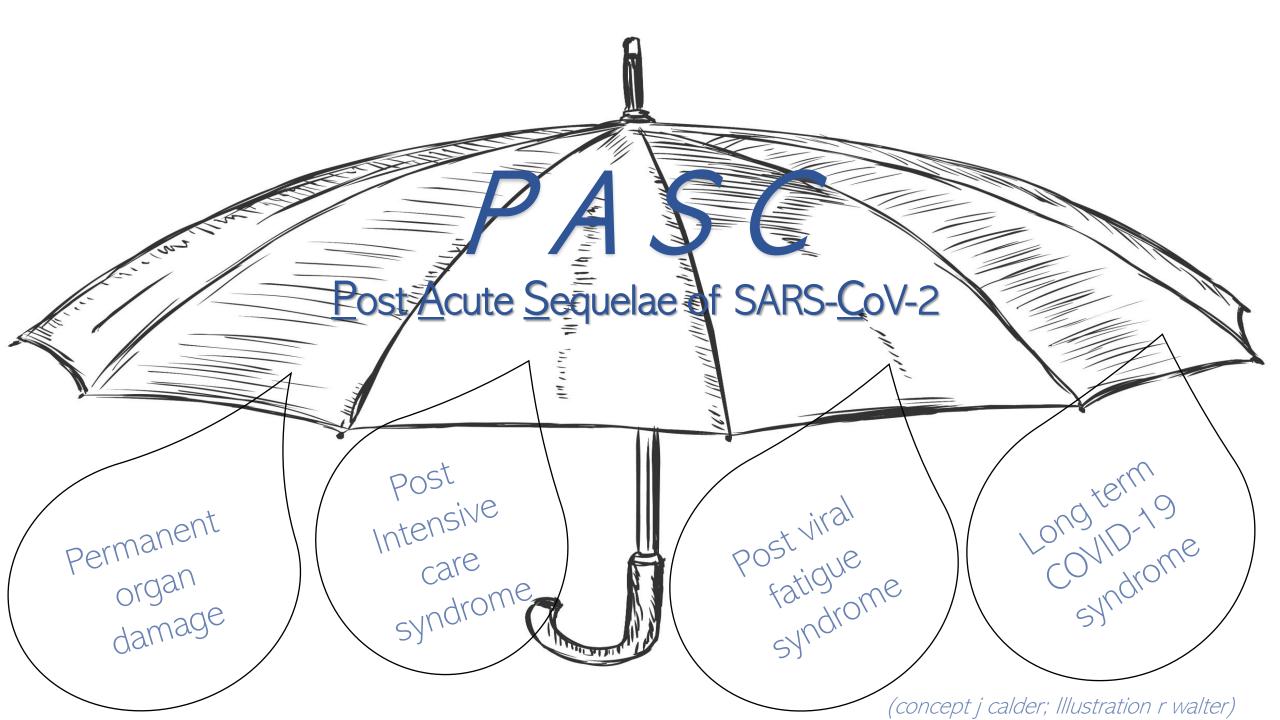
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Learning objectives

- 1. The learner will become familiar with residual symptoms patients describe that affect their function.
- 2. The learner will have an efficient way to document functional impacts.
- 3. The learner will know how to approach disability terms, documentation, forms, and systems of support for the patient.
- 4. The learner will better understand specific requirements of systems of supports such as WCB, CPP-D, PWD-BC, mortgage insurance, and other third-party payors.



To All My Patients



Acute COVID-19 Post-acute COVID-19 Subacute/ongoing COVID-19 Chronic/post-COVID-19 PCR positive PCR negative Fatigue Decline in quality of life Muscular weakness Joint pain Dyspnea Nasopharyngeal Ćough Post-acute COVID-19 syndrome | Nature Medicine Persistent oxygen requirement Anxiety/depression Viral isolation from Sleep disturbances respiratory tract PTSD Cognitive disturbances (brain fog) Headaches Palpitations Chest pain Thromboembolism Chronic kidney disease Hair loss Week 2 Week 4 Week 1 Week 3 Week 12 6 months After symptom onset

Detection unlikely

Viral load

SARS-CoV-2

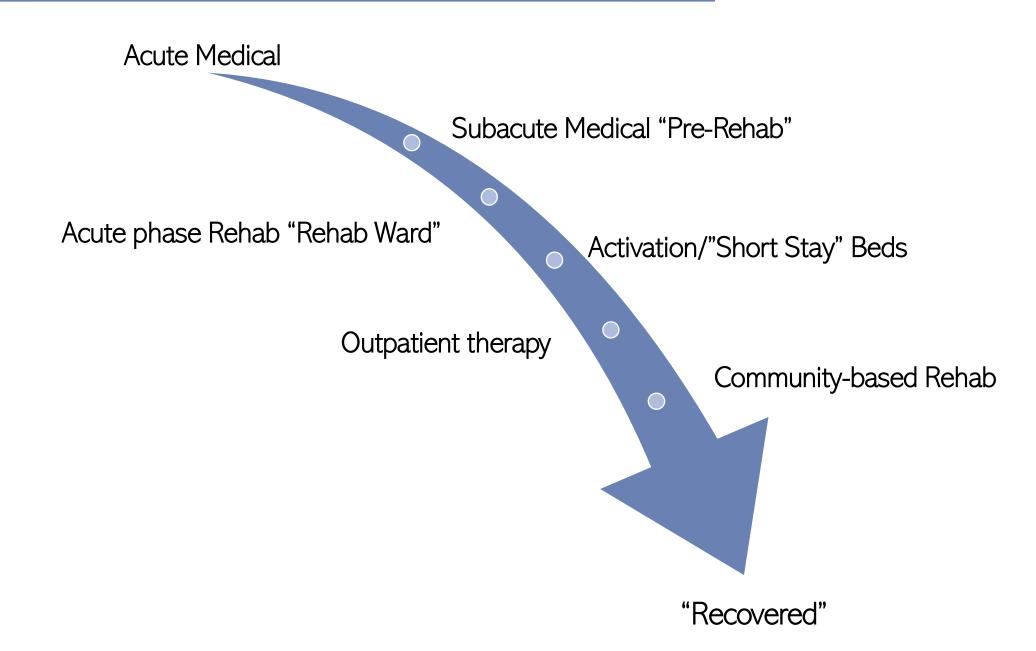
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Week -2

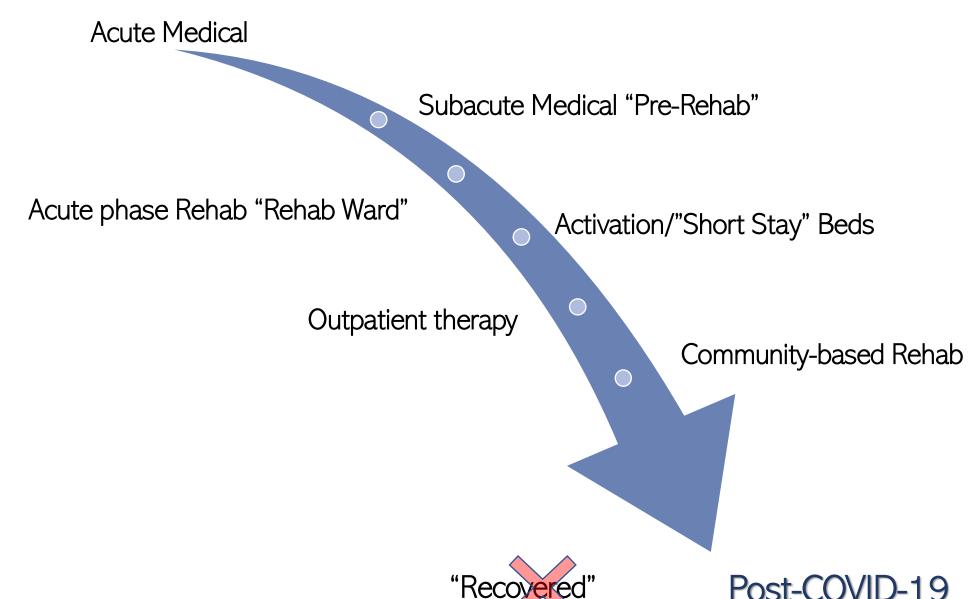
Before symptom onset

Week -1

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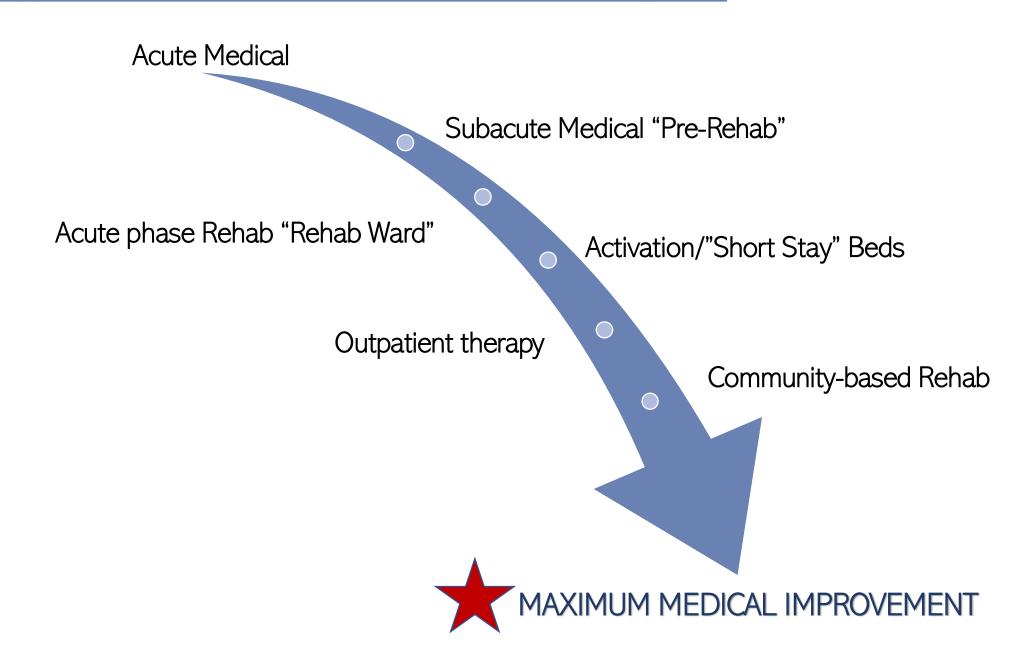


Typical Rehabilitation Services access and flow:



Post-COVID-19

Typical Rehabilitation Services access and flow:



0 – 4 weeks	4 – 12 weeks	12 – 24 weeks	> 6 months	> 18 months	Persistent Permanent?
Acute	Post Acute	Sub-Acute COVID Post-COVID PASC	Post-COVID/PASC	Outer range of PASC Terminology evolving	Not yet known if permanent sx.
Acute medical coverage unusual – but some private policies start at 4 weeks:	coverage is commo must apply at 4	acute medical on = usually patient weeks and wait. on Disability"	Some payors are tridisability at 6, 12 o		to long term n Disability"
Specific Third Party Payors: WorkSafe BC Manulife SunLife Blue Cross Great West Life		orkSafe BC	Disability Tax Credit	WorkSafeBC – Five work return. Canada Pension Plate Persons with Disab Very few payors ha	an-Disability(CPP-D) ility (PWD-BC)

RETRACING THE PASC LITERATURE

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Jan 16, 2021 n=1733
6 month follow-up.
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76% had one persistent symptom
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63% fatigue or muscle weakness

26% sleep disturbance

27% pain and discomfort

23% depression/anxiety

22% hair loss

11% smell disorder

7% mobility impaired

2% activity limited

1% impaired in very basic ADLs

Stratified by high acute severity

- ➤ 3 times more likely to endure muscle weakness/fatigue
- ➤ 2 times more likely to suffer depression or anxiety.

Huang, C., et al. (2021). 6-month consequences of COVID-19 in patients discharged from hospital: a cohort study. *The Lancet*, 397(10270), 220-232. doi:10.1016/S0140-6736(20)32656-8

Assessing sym	ptoms: "review of systems" = a great place to start
ROS	PASC sx reported

SOBOE, Chest pain, tachycardia, hypotension, POTS.

Pain, numbness, weakness, imbalance, postural instability.

Brain fog: reduced attention, memory, confusion, cognitive fatigue.

Vision

Smell

Hearing

Taste/oral intake

Respiratory fn

Cardio fn

GI fn

GU fn

Neuro

MSK

Cognition

Affect & Mood

- 0 -

Anosmia

Aguestia

- 0 -

Tinnitus. Ear "fullness".

SOB, PND, O, O2 dependence.

Abdominal pain, Gl upset, poor appetite.

Muscle fatigue, pain, deconditioning.

Anxiety, Depression, Distress.

Key terms and concepts in "Disability"



<u>"MODERN" TERMS</u>	<u>WHO 1997</u>	WHO 1980
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PATIENT LEVEL Symptoms

DISEASE LEVEL Impairment Impairment Impairment

HUMAN LEVEL Limitation Activity Disability

SOCIAL LEVEL Restriction Participation Handicap
Restriction

Assessing how symptoms affect function? Ask about "A day in your life"

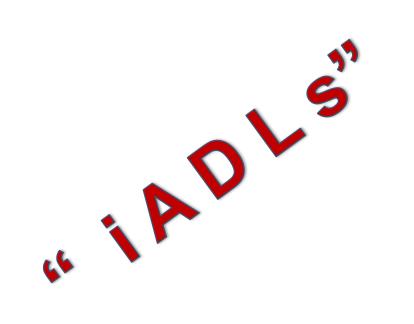
Start them supine in bed and ask questions for the day's usual requirements

- Bed mobility
- Transfers bed to standing, chair, toilet
- Ambulation
- Shower/bath/peri-care
- Devices used
- Meal prep
- Shopping for that food
- House work and cleanup . . .



More in your routine day?

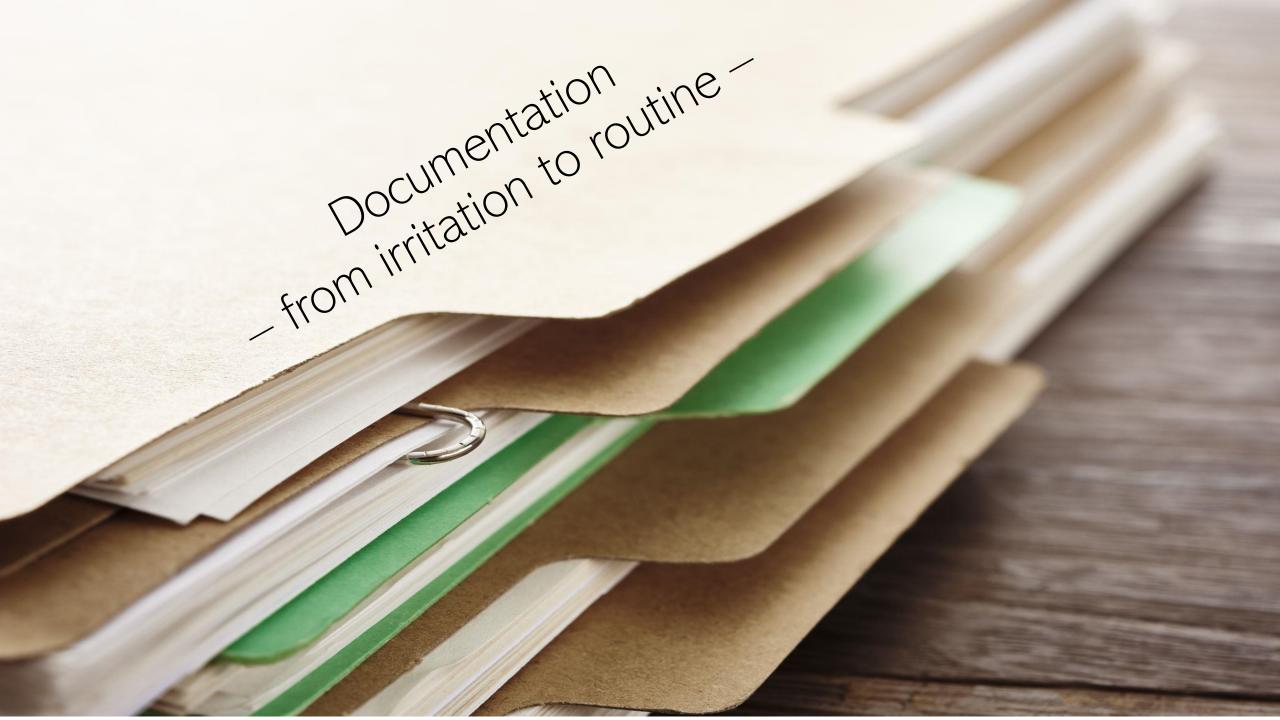
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- After work play, recreation?
- Social connections
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Note – Many third party payors lump Activities of Daily Living and Instrumental Activities of Daily Living all together under ADLs or a more generic "Global Functioning"

PASC sx	Screens, Tests
Tinnitus. Ear fullness.	+/- ENT consult
Anosmia	+/- ENT. Dietician.
Aguestia	Weights. Dietician review.
SOB, PND, O, O2 dependence	PFTs, CXR, CT chest
SOBOE, Chest pain, tachycardia, hypotension	Stress test, ECG, Echo, BP postural drop
Abdominal pain, GI upset, poor appetite	Nutritional profile, FIT
Pain, numbness, weakness, imbalance, postural instability	Neuro exam
Muscle fatigue, pain, deconditioning	MMT, ROM, PEM (screen through functional hx) TUG Step length Timed walk Delayed report back.
Brain fog: reduced attention, memory, confusion, cognitive fatigue	MME MOCA Basic ADL and iADLs questionnaire.
Anxiety, Depression, Distress	Beck. PTSD Screen (Harvard series).



Documentation – from irritation to routine

Absentee letters

PWD BC

The Disability Tax Credit (T2201)

CPP-D

WorkSafeBC

Mortgage and deferrals

The Medical/legal report

Be objective Be humble Be clear Be evidence-based References (if you are keen, use for CME)

Don't own the patient — avoid "sides"

Don't refer for unnecessary tests or programs

Say what you can say
Say what you can't say
Say what can't be said by you or anyone
— state of our current knowledge.

Keep an EMR copy – for repeated requests for the same information.

Can't do them all . . .

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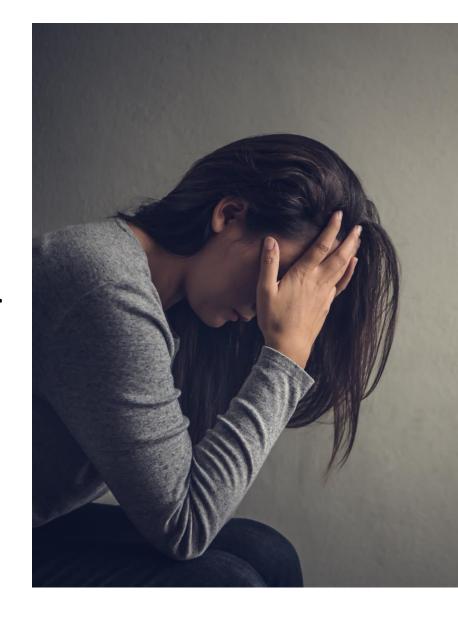
Case: 29 year old female

29 year old City accountant

Despite doing everything right for Christmas 2020, became unwell with COVID Dec 26, 2020.

Swab +ve.

4 ER trips January 2021 fever, sweats, cough, chest pain, SOB, POTS-like sx, severe anxiety, hypervigilance, insomnia, fatigue, muscle pain, headaches, and severe cognitive dysfunction.



Manulife

March 12, 2021

Absence Management Solutions P.O. Box 800, St. Waterloo Waterloo, ON N2J 4C2

Re:

Dear Dr. Calder:

Your patient's employer has acquired the Integrated Absence Solutions Services of Manulife Financial to assist with their employees who are absent from work or require on-going modification to their usual job duties. The primary goal of our service is to provide a safe and timely return to work for ill or injured employees.

In order to have a better understanding of your patient's current medical status, please provide us with:

- copies of your clinical notes from November 2020 to present
- hospital discharge report, from recent admission
- test results and consultation reports from November 2020 to present

Please outline your patient's current symptoms, level of severity and frequency.

Long pursuate CDVID-19 symptoms of:

Surere fatigue, chest pain, muscle pain,

PDTS (Postural hypotension tachipadia sydrone
Cognitirea impainments, Headache.

Please outline your patient's current functional limitations and restrictions.

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 Please provide details your patient's current treatment plan. 7015-Medications: Floring, Propranolol Annetty & Mood Engott: The proprion; we now return to Bertraline depending on Pality Erests, Graduated activation Cognitive strategies: attention support Learning strategies, pacing resting. Graded cognitive challenges.

If your patient's condition has not resolved, please outline details regarding your next steps for treatment planning (i.e. further tests/investigations to be completed, referrals to specialists, new medications and dosages, etc). come to llowup with a reciolists Lohok Medicise. Repe Kestard recours & What return to work plans have you discussed with your patient? I suggested we keep her in the home--resell rekal program for a Increments depending on syn **Printed Name**

Case Manager Manulife Financial Tele: (877) 277-5297 ext 274159

Fax: (877) 329-4431

References for post-covarion are evolutive respidly A good current state of the lettrature is attacked. COVID-19: Long Lasting Health Effects Among Survivors. Ortho Evidence January 25, 2021. https://myorthoevidence.com/Blog/show/ 112?vgo_ee = SWNrTMqiqy TD4gADWscNgg %D%3D

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PWD BC

Next – an overview on PWD-BC and the doctor's/NP section of the form

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Persons with Disabilities (PWD-BC) Qualifications

A resident of BC who is a Canadian citizen or permanent resident

18 years of age or older

A serious physical or mental health disability expected to last 2 years or more

Significant restrictions performing daily life activities

Require ongoing help from another person, assistive device or assistance animal

Meet an income and asset test

In addition to support for shelter and basic needs, PWD also covers:

- MSP Coverage
- Extended Medical Therapy
- Fair Pharmacare
- Diet Supplements
- Nutritional Supplements

- Dental Coverage
- Glasses q y 3 years
- Eye exams q 2 years
 - Certain medical supplies
- Certain medical equipment and devices
- Medical Transportation
- Public transportation
- Alcohol and Drug Treatment
 Counselling

PWD Application

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Section 2 –

Section 3 –



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DESIGNATION APPLICATION INTRODUCTION

The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of and will be used for the purpose of administering the <u>Fmolorment and Assistance for Persons With Disabilities Act</u>. The collection, use and disclosure of personal information is subject to the <u>Information and Protection of Privacy Act</u>. If you have any questions about the collection, use or disclosure of this inform <u>Employment and Assistance Centre</u>.

The purpose of this form is to collect the information necessary to determine eli with Disabilities designation under the Employment and Assistance for Persons

This Application has three Sections:

- Section 1: Applicant Information (for completion by the Applicant) The term throughout the form means a client who is applying for the Person v designation.
- Section 2: Physician Report (for completion by the Applicant's Physician) R
 "Physician" in this application have the same meaning as "Medical R
- Section 3: Assessor Report (for completion by a prescribed professional)

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Instructions for completion

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- 1. The above sections of the Application Form need to be completed in the o
- The Applicant is to complete Section 1, Applicant Information, sign the Deform to his/her physician for completion of the Physician Report.
- The Applicant's Physician is to complete Section 2, Physician Report, and Form to the Applicant.
- The Applicant will then take the form to a Prescribed Professional (as defir completion of Section 3, Assessor Report.
- The Prescribed Professional is to complete Section 3, Assessor Report, ar Application Form to the Applicant.
- Applicant please review the checklist at the end of this booklet to ensure complete.
- The Applicant will then mail the application to the Health Assistance Brand Social Development and Social Innovation using the enclosed self-address

Office Use Only

The following must be signed in order for the application to be processed

The Applicant intends to apply for disability assistance and may meet the finance requirements for Disability Assistance under the Employment and Assistance for Disabilities (PWD) Act.

Ministry Signing Authority (Print Name)	Signature
Employment and Assistance Centre Stamp	Date Signed (YYYY MMM DD



PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES DESIGNATION APPLICATION SECTION 1 APPLICANT INFORMATION

You may have someone Important Note: You MU	JST sign the "Declaration			
your application to be pro				y to take care of yourself
A - PERSONAL INFORMAT				
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Date of Birth (YYYY MMM DD)	
Personal Health Number	So	cial Insurance Number	Telephone Number	
Street Address		City	Postal Code	
Do you need help completing Yes No	this application? If yes, what help do	o you need?	'	
B - DISABLING CONDITION	I			
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	Persons with Disabilities Act and I declare that the
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	on form to the Ministry of Social Development and Soc
	nt may verify the information in Section 1A, Section 2
	confirm my eligibility for the designation.
	Witness Signature
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	Witness Name (Please Print)
	Witness Address & Telephone
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	t as applicable under provisions of relevant BC
	son with an enduring power of attorney. If you are tate your legal authority to act on behalf of the
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Section 2 – Medical Report A Physician/NP familiar with the patient and COVID-19 is required for this Section. Not long, succinct codes and short description. Functional assessments should be close to the next section's descriptors.

Section 3 –

Section 2 – KEY POINTS/PHRASES for the Physician/Nurse Practitioner

Inclusion criteria:

Severity of medical condition(s)

Perseverance lasting 2 years or more without treatment

Significant Restrictions in performance of activities of daily living

Assistance needs a person or a device

The ongoing symptoms "are a result of severe and persistent impairments" and "function is markedly restricted as a direct result of these impairments".

"Despite ongoing treatments the impairments will not likely resolve within *two years.*" These impairments are chronic, pervasive and *severe*."

Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction (MSDPR) seems to have a severity defined as 3 times slower than is normal.

F - ADDITIONAL C	OMMENTS		
medical condition, the n		airment and the impact these have on his/her daily functioning.	HEALTH HISTORY Please indicate the severit condition impair this personal conditions.
	page, (Part E)	essor Report, Section 3, in addition to this Physician Report, do not complete this	condition impair this person
	Does the impairment directly restrict the person's ability to perform Daily Living Activities? Yes No Unknown If yes, please complete the following		
	Daily Living Activities	C - DEGREE AND COURSE OF IMPAIRMENT 1. Is the impairment likely to continue for two years or more from today? Yes No What is the estimated duration of the impairment and are there remedial treatments that may resolve or minimize the impairment? Please explain:	8
	Personal self care		
G - FREQUENCY	Meal preparation Management of medications		
How long has the App	Basic housework	D - FUNCTIONAL SKILLS	
Prior to today, how oft	Daily shopping Mobility inside the home	Note: For the purposes of questions #1 and #2, "unaided" means without the assistance of another person, assistive de	evice
Comments:	Mobility outside the home Use of transportation	or assistance animal 1. How far can this person walk unaided on a flat surface? 4+ blocks 1 to 2 blocks Unknown	and Weight (if relevant
H - CERTIFICATIO	Management of finances Social functioning** - daily decision making; interacting, relating and	2 to 4 blocks Less than 1 block Not at all 2. How many stairs can this person climb unaided?	e applicant been pre
Surgeons of British (communicating with others (this category only applies for persons will identified mental impairment or brain injury). If yes, please provide deta	5+ steps	please explain:
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	What assistance does your patient equipment and assistance animals	6. Are there any significant deficits with cognitive and emotional function? Yes No Unknown If yes, check those areas where the deficits are evident and provide details below: Consciousness (orientation, confusion) Emotional disturbance (e.g. depression, anxiety) Executive (planning, organizing, sequencing, accludations, judgement) Impulse control Impulse control Impulse control Impulse control	
SD2883(13/07/02)	Continuous assistance - refers to need Periodic assistance - refers to the need episodic nature of the impairment.	Language (oral, auditory, written comprehension or expression) Motor activity (goal oriented activity, agitation, repetitive behaviour) Memory (ability to learn and recall information) Perceptual psychomotor (visual spatial) Psychotic symptoms (delusions, hallucinations,	
L	SD2883(13/07/02)	thought disorders) Comments:	

TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT'S PHYSICIAN ONLY

A - I	A - DIAGNOSES				
		i to the Applicant's impairment using the diagnostic codes below. abnormality of psychological, anatomical or physiological structure or function			
	causing a restriction in the ability to function independently, effectively, appropriately or for a reasonable duration. Please include additional information as required.			Date of onset, If known	
	Diagnostic Code	Specific Diagnosis (e.g. location of paralysis, type of respiratory or heart condition, type of hepatitis, etc.)	Month	Year	
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
Com	ments:				

DIAGNOSTIC CODES

Infectious and parasitic diseases	Diseases of the nervous system		
4.0.000	& sonso organs - Nourological		

- 1.0 Other
- 1.1 HIV
- 1.2 AIDS
- 1.3 Hepatitis 1.4 Hepatitis C
- Neoplasms
- 2.0 Neoplastic disorders other
- 2.1 Lip, oral cavity & pharynx
- 2.2 Digestive organs & peritoneum
- 2.3 Respiratory & intrathoracic organs
- 2.4 Bone, connective tissue, skin and breast
- 2.5 Genitourinary organs
- 2.6 Leukemia

Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases, and immunity disorders

- 3.0 Endocrine disorders other
- 3.01 Immune disorders other
- 3.02 Metabolic disorders other
- 3.1 Thyroid disorders
- 3.2 Diabetes

Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs

- 4.0 Other diseases of the blood
- 4.1 Anemia
- 4.2 Hemophillia

Mental disorders

- 5.0 Other mental (please specify)
- 5.1 Delirium, dementia & amnestic & other cognitive disorders
- 5.2 Schizophrenia & other Psychotic disorders
- 5.3 Mood disorders
- 5.4 Developmental disability
- 5.5 Anxiety disorders
- 5.6 Somatoform disorders 5.7 Personality disorders
- 5.8 Substance-related disorders
- 5.9 Pervasive developmental disorders
- 5.10 Eating disorders

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- & sense organs Neurological 6.0 Neurological disorders other
- 6.1 Epilepsy 6.3 Brain tumors
- 6.4 Parkinson's disease
- 6.5 Cerebral palsy 6.6 Paraplegia

- 6.7 Quadraplegia 6.9 Other paralysis 6.10 Myasthenia Gravis
- 6.11 Muscular dystrophy
- 6.12 ALS
- 6.13 Alzheimer's disease 6.14 Huntington's Chorea

- 6.15 Friedreich's Ataxia 6.16 Multiple sclerosis

Conditions of the nervous system & sense organs - Sensory

- 7.00 Sensory disorders other
- 7.01 Blindness
- 7.02 Visually impaired
- 7.03 Deafness
- 7.04 Hearing impaired
- 7.05 Organic speech loss

Diseases of the circulatory system

- 8.0 Cardiovascular other
- 8.1 Ischemic heart disease
- 8.2 Recurrent Arrhythmias
- 8.3 Valvular heart disease
- 8.4 Congenital heart disease
- 8.5 Cardiomyopathy
- 8.6 Chronic venous insufficiency
- 8.7 Peripheral arterial disease
- 8.8 Cerebral vascular accident

Diseases of the respiratory system

- 9.0 Respiratory disorders other 9.1 Cystic fibrosis
- 9.2 COPD
- 9.3 Asthma
- 9.4 Emphysemia

- Diseases of the digestive system
- 10.0 Digestive disorders other
- 10.1 Peptic ulcer
- 10.2 Chronic liver disease
- 10.3 Cirrhosis
- 10.4 Crohn's disease
- 10.5 Colitis Diseases of the genitourinary system
- 11.0 Genitourinary disorders other
- 11.1 Kidney disease

Diseases of the skin and subcutaneous tissue

- 12.0 Skin disorders other
- 12.1 Psoriasis

Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue

- 13.0 Musculoskeletal system other
- 13.1 Lupus
- 13.2 Rheumatoid arthritis
- 13.3 Arthritis
- 13.4 Osteoporosis
- 13.5 Ankylosing spondolitis
- 13.6 Degenerative disc disease
- 13.7 Scoliosis 13.8 Fibromyalgia
- 13.9 Scleroderma

Congenital anomalies

- 14.0 Congenital anomalies other
- 14.1 Chromosomal abnormalities
- 14.2 Fetal alcohol syndrome
- 14.3 Thaldomide syndrome
- 14.4 Spina Bifida
- Injury and poisoning

15.0 Injury and poisoning - other

- 15.1 Traumatic brain injury
- 15.2 Amputations

Other conditions

- 16.0 Other
- 16.1 Chronic fatigue syndrome
- 16.2 Sleep apnea
- 16.3 Environmental sensitivities

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2.0 Neoplastic disorders - other

2.1 Lip, oral cavity & pharynx

2.2 Digestive organs & peritoneum

2.3 Respiratory & intrathoracic organs

2.4 Bone, connective tissue, skin and breast

2.5 Genitourinary organs

2.6 Leukemia

Endocrine, nutritional and metabolic diseases, and immunity disorders

3.0 Endocrine disorders - other

3.01 Immune disorders - other

3.02 Metabolic disorders - other

3.1 Thyroid disorders

3.2 Diabetes

Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs

4.0 Other diseases of the blood

4.1 Anemia

4.2 Hemophillia

Mental disorders

5.0 Other mental (please so

5.1 Delirium, dementia & amnestic & other cognitive disorders

5.2 Schizophrenia & other Psychotic disorders

5.3 Mood disorders

5.4 Developmental disability

5.5 Anxiety disorders

5.6 Somatoform disorders

5.7 Personality disorders

5.8 Substance related disorders

5.9 Pervasive developmental disorders

5.10 Eating disorders

Diagnostic Codes

Diseases of the nervous system & sense organs - Neurological

6.0 Neurological disorders - other

6.1 Epilepsy 6.3 Erain tumors

6.4 Parkinson's disease

6.5 Cerebral palsy 6.6 Paraplegia

6.7 Quadraplegia 6.9 Offer paralysis

6.12 AL

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condition

organs -

7.01 Blind

7.02 Visua

7.03 Deaf

7.04 Hear

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Diseases

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Diseases of the digestive system

10.0 Digestive disorders - other

10.1 Peptic ulcer

10.2 Chronic liver disease

10.3 Cirrhosis

10.4 Crohn's disease

10.5 Colitis

Diseases of the genitourinary system 11.0 Genitourinary disorders - other

11.1 Kidney disease

6.10 Myas 6.11 Musc Do not overlook the mental and cognitive symptoms and try to quantify this impact. Often the PASC patient physically looks quite good, but in fact cognitively and emotionally are very impaired. 7.00 Sens Ask the time it takes to do average tasks. Find out if they actually cannot do the task independently and efficiently. Capture the amount of assistance a

caregiver or spouse is quietly doing to assist the 8.3 Valvul 8.4 Conge patient. 8.5 Cardio

8.6 Chron

8.7 Peripheral arterial disease 8.8 Cerebral vascular accident

Diseases of the respiratory system

9.0 Respiratory disorders - other

9.1 Cystic fibrosis 9.2 COPD

9.3 Asthma

9.4 Emphysemia

15.0 Injury and poisoning - other 15.1 Traumatic brain injury

15.2 Amputations

Other conditions

16.0 Other

16.1 Chronic fatigue syndrome

16.2 Sleep apnea

16.3 Environmental sensitivities

PWD Application

Note: If you are completing the Assessor Report, Section 3, in addition to this Physician Report, do not complete this symptoms -

E - DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES mysician/NP familiar with the patient and COVID-19 is page, (Part E) should be close to the next section's descriptors.

Section 3 — Assessor Report Best assessors are function focused — Occupational Therapists, skilled Medical Social Worker, or a Physician comfortable assessing functional abilities. Requires extensive interview and focuses on restrictions, neglect, taking significantly longer and need for assistance.

				1. Does th
			B - MENTAL OR PHYSICAL IMPAIRMENT (cont'd	Comment:
			Complete item #4 for an Applicant with an identified menta	B - MENT
		C - DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES	4. Cognitive and Emotional Functioning	"Impairment restriction in
I		Indicate the assistance required related to impairment(s) that	For each item indicate to what degree the applicant's m his/her functioning.	1. What a
	<u>Meals</u>	directly restrict the	If impact is episodic or impact varies over time,	
	1. Meal planning	applicant's ability to manage in the following	please explain in the comment section below.	
- DAILY LIVING ACTIVITIES (2. Food preparation	manage in the following areas. Check all that apply.	Bodily functions (e.g., eating problems, toileting problems, poor hygiene, sleep disturbance)	2. Ability to
ocial Functioning Only complete this	3. Cooking	Personal Care	Consciousness (e.g., orientation, alert/drowsy, confusion)	Please in
Gold Tallocolling City Complete the	4. Safe storage of food (ability,		Emotion (e.g., excessive or inappropriate anxiety, depression,	of ability areas:
	not environmental circumstances)	1. Dressing	Impulse control (e.g., inability to stop doing something or failing resist doing something)	areas.
ndicate the support/supervision	Pay Rent and Bills	2. Grooming	Insight and judgement (e.g., poor awareness of self and health	Speaking
equired, as related to restrictions	1. Banking	3. Bathing	condition(s), grandiosity, unsafe behaviour) Attention/concentration (e.g., distractible, unable to maintain	Reading
Title following areas.	2. Budgeting	4. Toileting	concentration, poor short term memory)	Writing
appropriate social decisions (incl.	3. Pay rent and bills	5. Feeding self	Executive (e.g., planning, organizing, sequencing, abstract thinking, problem-solving, calculations)	Hearing
voiding situations dangerous to self or others, good social judgement)	Medications	_	Memory (e.g., can learn new information, names etc. and then recall that information; forgets over-learned facts)	
ble to develop and maintain	Filling/Refilling prescriptions	6. Regulate diet ⁵	Motivation (e.g., lack of initiative; loss of interest)	Commen
elationships	1. Filling/Relilling prescriptions	7. Transfers (in/out of bed)	Motor activity (e.g., increased or decreased goal-oriented active co-ordination, lack of movement, agitation, ritualistic or repetition.	
nteracts appropriately with others e.g., understands and responds to	2. Taking as directed	8. Transfers (on/off of chair)	actions; bizarre behaviours, extreme tension)	3. Mobility Ability
ocial cues; problem solves in social context)	3. Safe handling and storage	Basic Housekeeping	Language (e.g., expression or comprehension problems - e.g. inability to understand, extreme stuttering, mute, racing speech	4
able to deal appropriately with inexpected demands	Transportation	1. Laundry	disorganization of speech) Psychotic symptoms (e.g., delusions, hallucinations,	Indicate required
Able to secure assistance from others	Getting in and out of a	2. Basic Housekeeping	disorganized thinking, etc.)	impairme
Other (specify)	vehicle	Shopping	Other neuropsychological problems (e.g., visual/spatial probler psychomotor problems, learning disabilities, etc.)	restrict to manage
Describe how the mental impairment	2. Using public transit	Going to and from stores	Other emotional or mental problems (e.g., hostility, explain below	
immediate social network (partne good functioning - positive relations	(where available)	2. Reading prices and labels	Comments:	Walking in
marginal functioning - little significal	Using transit schedules and	Making appropriate choices	<u> </u>	Walking o
very disrupted functioning - aggress	arranging transportation			Climbing
comments:		4. Paying for purchases		Standing
extended social networks (neighborofficials, etc.)	urhood contacts, acquaintances, storekeepers, p	5. Carrying purchases home		Lifting
. ,	community: often participates in activities with other	Additional comments (including a description		Carrying a
marginal functioning - little more than		issues):		Comment
very disrupted functioning - overly disr comments:	ruptive behaviour: major social isolation			
ommonts.				
the applicant requires help, as indicated above, please describe the support/supervisi aquired which would help to maintain him/her in the community.				
				1 Periodic as
		³ Periodic assistance - refers to the need for significan		episodic na ² Continuou
dditional Comments (including identif	ication of any safety issues):	episodic nature of the impairment. 4 Continuous assistance - refers to needing significant	SD2883(13/07/02) ASS	1
		⁵ For example, issues related to eating disorders characteristics.		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
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A -LIVING ENVIRONMENT						
Does the Applicant live	Alone	? [With	Family, I	Friends, o	or Caregiver?
Comment:						
B - MENTAL OR PHYSICAL	IMDAI	DMEN	IT			
				omical o	or physiolo	ogical structure or functioning causing a
restriction in the ability to function						
1. What are the applicant's me			impairn	ents th	at impact	t his/her ability to manage
Daily Living activities? (brief	f summa	ry)				
2. Ability to Communicate		^				
Please indicate the level		Satisfactory				
of ability in the following areas:	Bood	atisfe	Poor	Unable		
	9	Š	P _O	5	E	xplain / Describe
Speaking						
Reading						
Writing					Λ.	
Hearing						
Comments:						
3. Mobility and Physical Ability			e 2 or		Takes significantly longer than typical (describe how much longer)	
Indicate the assistance		son son	son	evice	ly lor cribe	
required related to	0	istar r per	assistance r person or	ved	cant (des	
impairment(s) that directly restrict the applicant's ability	nden	othe	ous	ssist	ignif ical nger	
to manage in the following	ndependent	Periodic assistance from another person	Continuous assistand from another person unable	Jses Assistive device	Takes signific than typical (c much longer)	
areas. Check all that apply.	Ĕ	2 S	8 2 3	ns	Tal tha	Explain and specify assistive device/s
Walking indoors	₩				\vdash	
Walking outdoors	\vdash				\vdash	
Climbing stairs	\vdash				\vdash	
Standing	\vdash				\vdash	
Lifting	\vdash					
Carrying and holding						
Comments:						

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Continuous assistance - refers to needing significant help most or all of the time for an activity.

Documentation – from irritation to routine

Absentee letters

PWD BC

The Disability Tax Credit (T2201)

CPP-D

WorkSafeBC

Mortgage and deferrals

The Medical/legal report

Slightly deeper dive into Fatigue & Post-Exertional Malaise

ast name:

Agence du revenu du Canada Protected B when completed

Disability Tax Credit Certificate

Need help? canada.ca/disabilitytax-credit 1-800-959-8281

The information provided in this form will be used by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) to determine the eligibility of the individual applying for the disability tax credit (DTC). For more information, see the general information on page 16.

Part A - Individual's section 1) Tell us about the person with the disability First name: Last name: Social insurance number: Mailing address: City: Province or territory: Date of birth: Postal code: Month Day Year 2) Tell us about the person claiming the disability amount The person with the disability is claiming the disability amount or A supporting family member is claiming the disability amount (the spouse or common-law partner of the person with the disability, or a parent, grandparent, child, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece of that person or their spouse or common-law partner). First name:

Canada Revenue Agency Eligibility criteria for the disability tax credit

The person must be markedly restricted in

one of the basic activities of daily livingtwo or more of the basic activities of daily living combined

Impairment must also meet all of the following criteria:

- 1. is expected to last for a continuous period of at least 12 months
- 2. be present at least 90% of the time

Step	1 –	Fill	out '	the	sect	ions	of	the	form	on	pages	4-1	6 that	are	app	licable	e to	vou	r pa	tient
																		,		

When considering your patient's limitations, assess them compared to someone of similar age who does not have an impairment in that particular category. If your patient experiences limitations in more than one category, they may be eligible under the "Cumulative effect of significant limitations" section on page 14.

If you want to provide more information than the space allows, use a separate sheet of paper, sign it, and attach it to this form. Make sure to include the name of the patient at the top of all pages.

Vision	Speaking
Hearing	Walking
Eliminating (bowel or bladder functions)	Feeding
Dressing	Mental functions necessary for everyday life

Step 1 – Fill out the sections of the form on pages 4-16 that are applicable to your patient.

When considering your patient's limitations, assess them compared to someone of similar age who does not have an impairment in that particular category. If your patient experiences limitations in more than one category, they may be eligible under the "Cumulative effect of significant limitations" section on page 14.

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Vision	Speaking
Hearing	Walking
Eliminating (bowel or bladder functions)	Feeding
Dressing	Mental functions necessary for everyday life

Limitations in speaking	Is this the case all or substantially all of the time (see page 3)?
The patient is unable to speak or takes an inordinate amount of time to speak so as to be understood (at least three times longer than someone of similar age without a speech impairment) by a familiar person in a quiet setting.	Yes No
The patient has difficulty, but does not take an inordinate amount of time to speak so as to be understood by a familiar person in a quiet setting. 1	Yes No

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Limitations in dressing oneself	Is this the case all or substantially all of the time (see page 3)?
The patient is unable or takes an inordinate amount of time to dress themselves (at least three times longer than someone of similar age without an impairment in that ability).	Yes No
The patient has difficulty, but does not take an inordinate amount of time to dress themselves.	Yes No

The challenge of the "invisible disabilities"

Speech – actually means language, subtle communication impairment, word finding, slow processing

Walking – can walk but suffer rebound symptoms

Limitation Due to Post-exertional Malaise (PEM)

Symptoms typically worsen 12 to 48 hours after activity and can last for days or even weeks

Slower, need for rest

Reduced tolerance of borderline activities results in "crashes" PEM at times

Risk of harm

Repeated PEM can lead to serious and permanent deterioration of function

NICE Guidelines: https://www.cdc.gov/me-cfs/healthcare-providers/clinical-care-patients-mecfs/treating-most-disruptive-symptoms.html

Restrictions

Based on risk: Activities that a patient should not do because of risk of harm

Pacing further reduces functioning to the point of meeting CRA criteria

Mental functions necessary for everyday life — have to capture time, supports, actual performance

Case: 29 year old female

29 year old City accountant

Improved but not good enough to return to duties.

Better on postural hypotension and general fatigue — but very paced or she will rebound.

Very short walks, 400 meters, but on the flat not hiking as she used to. It takes her 10 minutes to do one lap.

Mental fatigue at 30 minutes and makes mistakes with accounting tasks.

Anxious, depressed, and low self-esteem/confidence.

Socially withdrawn. Still with boyfriend but stressed relationship. Home to Mom's.



6-minute Walk Test

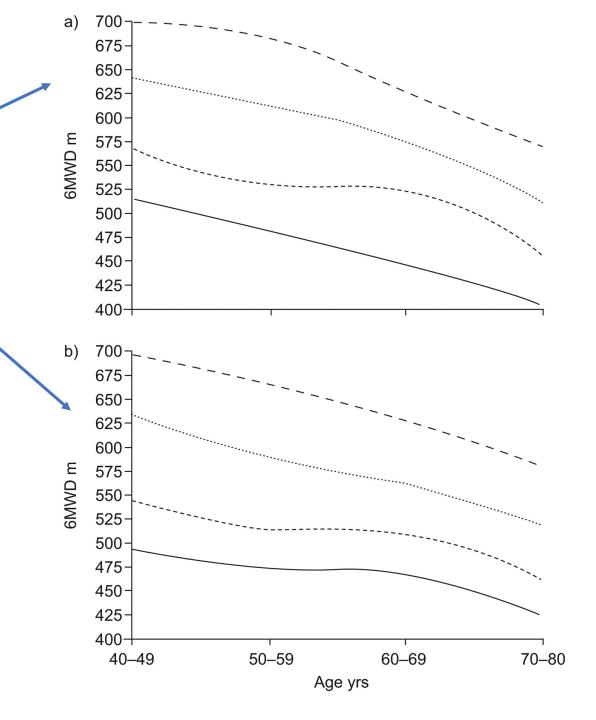
Healthy men 40 y.o. 50 %ile = 650 m

Health women 40 y.o. 50 %ile = 625 m

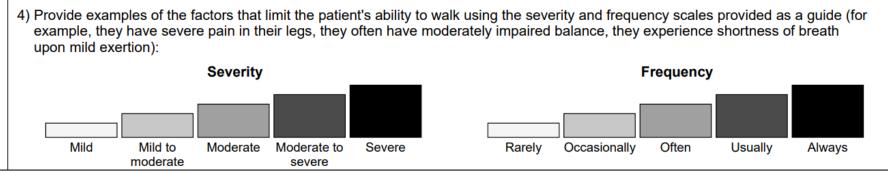
(Eur Respir J 2011; 37: 150-156)

Patients with PEM (i.e., ME/CFS) average age 38; 75% female = 312 m

(Lancet 2011; 377: 823-36)



Walking	medical doctor	nurse practitioner	occupational therapist	physiotherapist
1) List any medical	conditions that impact the patient's at	oility to walk and provide the y	ear of diagnosis (if available):	
PASC (Post	t Acute Sequelae of SARS	S-CoV-2)		
with featu	res of myalgic encephalo	omyelitis/chronic fa	tigue syndrome (ME/	CFS)
and with f	eatures of Postural Ortho	ostatic Tachycardia	Syndrome (POTS)	
2) Does the patient	take medication to aid their limitations	s in walking?		
Yes	No Unsure			
3) Describe if the pa	atient uses any devices or therapy to	aid their limitation in walking (for example: cane, occupational	therapy):
approach to	does not require an assistive coping with limitation in work ut prescribed limits to avoid	alking is used. Paced	activation, maintaining	a minimum



Walks slowly (1/3 as fast as normal), must stop and rest frequently, and is restricted in walking up/down stairs or inclines. Frequently experiences pain, stiffness, fatigue, reduced balance, shortness of breath, and dizziness. If walks for more 10 to 20 minutes, experiences post-exertional malaise which can last 1 – 2 days or more. Prescribed restriction to reduce symptoms is to walk for 10 minutes, then rest for 10 mins, and walk another 10 mins. Symptoms are severe, frequent, and persistent for the foreseeable future.

Limitations in walking	Is this the case all or substantially all of the time (see page 3)?	Year this began					
The patient is unable or takes an inordinate amount of time to walk (at least three times longer than someone of a similar age without an impairment in walking).	Yes No	2020					
The patient has difficulty, but does not take an inordinate amount of time to walk.1 Yes No							
 1If your patient experiences limitations in more than one category, they may be eligible under the "Cumulative effect of significant limitations" ection on page 14. 6) Has the patient's impairment in walking lasted, or is it expected to last, for a continuous period of at least 12 months? 							
Yes No							
7) Has the patient's impairment in walking improved of is it likely to improve to such an extent that they would no longer be impaired?							
Yes (provide year) No Unsure							

Mental functions necessary for everyday life

Initial your designation if this category is applicable to your patient:

medical doctor nurse practitioner

psychologist

Mental functions necessary for everyday life include:

- Adaptive functioning which includes abilities related to:
 - self-care such as attending to personal hygiene
 - health and safety
 - initiating and responding to social interactions
 - common, simple transactions such as grocery shopping or paying a bill
- **Memory** which includes the ability to remember:
- simple instructions
- basic personal information such as date of birth and address, or material of importance and interest
- **Judgment**, **problem-solving**, **and goal-setting** taken together (for example, complying with prescribed treatments, selecting weather appropriate clothing)
- 1) List any medical conditions that impact the patient's ability to perform mental functions necessary for everyday life and provide the year of diagnosis (if available):

PASC (Post Acute Sequelae of SARS-CoV-2)

Reduced attention, memory, calculation accuracy, and prompt-dependent for initiation and follow through for basic activities of daily living.

Features of myalgic encephalomyelitis/chronic fatigue syndrome (ME/CFS)

Features of postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome (POTS)

2) Does the patient take medication that aids their ability to perform mental functions necessary for everyday life?						
Yes No Unsure						
Does the patient require supervision or reminders from another person to take their medication? This question is not applicable to children.						
Yes No Unsure						
Select the option that best describes how effectively the medication treats their condition:						
Effective Moderately effective Mildly effective Ineffective Unsure						
B) Describe any devices or therapy the patient uses that aid their ability to perform mental functions necessary for everyday life (for example memory aids, assistive technology, cognitive-behavioural therapy):						
Memory aids – journals, day-minders, lists, alarms, prompts from caregiver, supportive living arrangements with boyfriend and family.						
Phone "spot checks" by family if left home alone.						
Cognitive Behavioural Strategies of dividing tasks, scheduling, paced activity with scheduled rests.						
Energy conservation techniques for task simplification, and some tasks delegated to family.						

Mental functions (continued)	
Does the patient have an impaired capacity to live independent without daily supervision or support from others?	ently (or to function at home or at school in the case of a child under 18)
□ No Yes	
Select all types of support received by the adult or child und	er 18:
Adult	Child under 18
Assisted living or long-term facility	Adult supervision at home beyond an age-appropriate level
Community-based health services	Additional support from educational staff at school
Hospitalization	
Support from family members	
Provide additional details about support received (optional):	
Family will play tag team to support her if she is at l back on task if required.	home for long hours. Phone calls to check and to prompt her
While this is improving the family is not confident in	n her safety if she were to live on her own.

Adaptive functioning					
5) Select the option that best describes the severity of the patients	ent's difficulties with adaptive functioning:				
No difficulty Mild Mild to moderate	Moderate Moderate to severe Severe				
If they have difficulty with adaptive functioning, select all the	e examples that apply to the patient.				
The patient has an impaired capacity to:					
Adapt to change	Initiate common, simple transactions				
Exhibit socially appropriate behaviour	Perform basic hygiene or self-care activities				
Express basic needs	Perform necessary everyday tasks				
Demonstrate basic impulse control	Process basic verbal information				
Go out in the community	Recognize danger and risks to their safety				
Memory					
6) Select the option that best describes the severity of the pati	ent's memory difficulties:				
No difficulty Mild Mild to moderate Moderate Moderate Severe Severe					
If they have difficulty with memory, select all the examples that apply to the patient.					
The patient has an impaired capacity to:					
Remember basic personal information such as date of birth and address Remember simple instructions					
Remember material of importance and interest to the	ne patient				

Mental functions (continued)

Judgment, problem-solving, and goal-setting taken together						
7) Select the option that best describes the severity of the patient's overall difficulties with judgment, problem-solving, and goal-setting:						
No difficulty Mild Mild to moderate Moderate Moderate Severe Severe						
If they have difficulty with judgment, problem-solving, and goal-setting, select all the examples that apply to the patient.						
The patient has an impaired capacity to:						
Comply with prescribed treatments						
Make and carry out simple day-to-day plans						
React appropriately in unfamiliar situations						

Additional information

8) Provide any examples related to the patient's adaptive functioning, memory, or judgment, problem-solving, and goal-setting difficulties that were not captured above.

Difficulty in attention, focusing, concentrating, memorization, and processing information. Tolerance to cognitive tasks begins to fail at 30 minutes with failure to recall new learned information. Persevering with cognitive tasks beyond tolerance often results in post-exertional malaise which can last 1 – 2 days after the activity. Needs to read or hear the same information several times. Requires longer or is unable to resolve a problem without assistance. Difficulty with organizing and prioritizing; easily overwhelmed. Self-isolates and avoids interacting with people due to not being able to keep up to social cognitive demands. Struggles with emotional regulation and suffers severe anxiety and depression. Prescribed restriction for cognitive tasks is 10 minutes, then rest for 10 mins.

9) Tell us in the table below about the patient's ability to perform mental fundapply, given that the patient's ability may change over time). Evaluate the devices, and therapy listed above, if applicable.								
Mental functions	Is this the case all or substantially all of the time (see page 3)?	Year this began						
The patient is unable to perform these functions by themselves or takes an inordinate amount of time compared to someone of similar age without an impairment.	Yes No	2020						
The patient has difficulty performing these functions, but does not take an inordinate amount of time.	Yes No							
¹ If your patient experiences limitations in more than one category, they may be eligible under the "Cumulative effect of significant limitations" section on page 14.								
10) Has the patient's impairment in performing mental functions necessary f period of at least 12 months?	or everyday life lasted, or is it expected to	last, for a continuous						
Yes No								
11) Has the patient's impairment in performing mental functions necessary for everyday life improved or is it likely to improve to such an extent that they would no longer be impaired?								
Yes (provide year) No Unsure								

Ourseletter offert of	n ndan you	nedical doctor	nurse practitioner	occupational therapist2
Cumulative effect of significant limitations		_	· _	for walking, feeding, and dressing.
When a person's limitations in one category do significant limitations in two or more categories.	not quite mee	et the criteria to qua	alify for the DTC, they may sti	Il qualify if they experience
Select all categories you completed in previous of appropriate devices and medication:	us pages and	l in which your pati	ent has significant limitations,	even with therapy and the use
Vision	Spea	aking		
Hearing	Walk	ring		
Eliminating (bowel or bladder functions)	Feed	ling		
Dressing	Ment	tal functions neces	sary for everyday life	
Important: If you checked a box for a particular of this form, fill out that section prior to completing the cumulative effect of significant limitations.				
2) Do the patient's limitations in at least two of the	ne categories	s selected above ex	kist together all or substantiall	y all of the time (see page 3)?
Note: Although a person may not engage in the limitations during the same period		simultaneously, "to	ogether" in this context means	that they are affected by
Yes No				
Is the cumulative effect of these limitations edimpairment, all or substantially all of the time			ng an inordinate amount of tir	ne in one single category of
res No				
4) Provide the year the cumulative effect of the I	imitations de	scribed above beg	an:	

Useful links/references:

<u>Vocational Rehabilitation Program for Canada Pension Plan disability benefits recipients - Canada.ca</u>

COVID-19: Long-Lasting Health Effects Among Survivors (myorthoevidence.com)

https://www.nature.com/articles/s41423-021-00743-3.pdf

Site for all Tax Credit forms for download, fillable: T2201 Disability Tax Credit Certificate - Canada.ca

Paper version PDF T2201

<u>Disability Tax Credit Certificate (canada.ca)</u>

NICE Guidelines: https://www.cdc.gov/me-cfs/healthcare-providers/clinical-care-patients-mecfs/treating-most-disruptive-symptoms.html



Questions? Cases? Problems?