

Adult Inpatient Occupancy**Average Bed Occupancy = This should be the number of occupied beds and not the percentage****Example 1 – Adult Inpatient Tool**

If the ward has 30 beds and average bed occupancy is 80% = average of 24 patients 24 should be entered into bed occupancy

Example 2 – Small Ward Tool

If the ward has 10 beds and average bed occupancy is 80% = average 8 patients 8 should be entered into bed occupancy

Adult In Patient - Dependency

Guidance

- Each patient in the ward/unit during the designated period should be assessed using the acuity-quality patient dependency tool.
- A patient dependency score should be recorded for each shift period. Depending on the shift pattern in place, e.g. 3 shifts or 2 shift pattern the information requires to be captured towards the end of each shift in order to reflect the workload during that period.
- This tool can be applied to adults, children and young persons, hence the inclusion of parent in the criteria.
- Enter the average number of patients per dependency for the designated period, for each of the 4 dependency levels, this should be the number of patients and not the percentage of patients. If the average occupancy for the ward is 30 patients then the total number of dependencies should equal 30.
- Please ensure to use the same designated period for both occupancy and patient dependency data so that totals match.

<u>Score</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Definition</u>
<8	1	Independent
8-13	2	Between dependence and independence
14-22	3	Dependent
>22	4	Highly Dependent

Patient Dependency Workload Data Capture

<u>Nursing Attention</u>	
Constant	4
Two hourly or more	3
Four Hourly	2
Twice Daily or Less	1

<u>Washing & Dressing</u>	
Daily Bed Bath or Open Bath Needing 2 Carers	4
Daily Bath Needing 1 Carer	3
Assistance Needed to Wash & Dress	2
Independent – Parent/relative attends to needs	1

<u>Using the Toilet</u>	
Incontinent or Catheterised	4
Four Hourly or more help needed to use the toilet/normal baby care if parent absent	3
Needs Help to Use Toilet	2
Independent – Parent/relative present	1

<u>Eating & Drinking</u>	
Fed Artificially (NG/IV)	4
Depends Totally on Carer to Eat & Drink/ Parent Absent	3
Needs Help to Eat & Drink	2
Independent once meal is served – Parent/Relative Present	1

<u>Pressure Area Care</u>	
Necrotic Areas	4
High Risk or Needing Two Hourly or More Care	3
Moderate Risk or Needing Four Hourly Care	2
Low Risk Needing Twice Daily Check or Less	1

<u>Moving</u>	
Immobile	4
Two Carers Needed to Help Patient Walk or Move Around	3
Needs Help to Walk or Move Around/Toddler Safety Observation/Normal Baby Care	2
Independent – Parent/Relative Present	1

<u>Parents or Relatives</u>	
Parent/Relative Needs Frequent Help/Support	3
Parent/Relative Needs Occasional Help/Support	2
Minimal Help/Support Needed	1

