

Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale (A.I.M.S.) For Recognizing Acute EPS

Resident Name: _____ Date: _____

Rater: _____

1. Tremor: tremors of fingers, upper or lower extremities, occurring in a resting or dependent position, with lessening upon the initiation of intentional activity.

Present _____
Absent _____

2. Rigidity: intermittent or continuous resistance to the passive movement of a joint.

Present _____
Absent _____

3. Blink rate: decreased, may have a staring facial expression.

Present _____
Absent _____

4. Facial expression: mask-like, set, and expressionless.

Present _____
Absent _____

5. Salivation: obvious drooling or patient must carry a rag to wipe his mouth. History of dampening of pillow noticed upon awakening.

Present _____
Absent _____

6. Bradykinesia: appears slowed down or "dragged down" in movements, difficulty in getting out of a chair without arms (obvious to and fro movements to get started).

Present _____
Absent _____

7. Arm swing: decreased amplitude or lack of normal arm swing when walking.

Present _____
Absent _____

8. Gait: decreased length of stride, narrow based, feet may shuffle, may have difficulty in stopping when asked to stop ambulating.

Present _____
Absent _____

9. Postural reflexes: may lose balance when asked to quickly pivot while ambulating. Loses balance with slight postural challenge. Drops into seat when attempting to sit down. Stooped posture.

Present _____
Absent _____

10. Dystonia, the maintenance of an abnormal posture: may involve the neck, jaws, tongue, eyes, back, or extremities.

Present _____
Absent _____

11. Complaints of soreness, pain or cramping in the neck, back, or extremities.

Present _____
Absent _____

12. Observed restlessness: unable to sit still, fidgety, pacing, particularly when not under obvious psychosocial stress.

Present _____
Absent _____

13. Subjective restlessness: complaints of inner feeling of nervousness, jitteriness, or jumpiness, which is experienced as separate from their psychiatric illness.

Present _____
Absent _____

