# Scoring Form for Fullerton Advanced Balance (FAB) Scale

Name: ____________________________  Date of Test: ____________

1. **Stand with feet together and eyes closed**

   - ( ) 0 Unable to obtain the correct standing position independently
   - ( ) 1 Able to obtain the correct standing position independently but unable to maintain the position or keep the eyes closed for more than 10 seconds
   - ( ) 2 Able to maintain the correct standing position with eyes closed for more than 10 seconds but less than 30 seconds
   - ( ) 3 Able to maintain the correct standing position with eyes closed for 30 seconds but requires close supervision
   - ( ) 4 Able to maintain the correct standing position safely with eyes closed for 30 seconds

2. **Reach forward to retrieve an object (pencil) held at shoulder height with outstretched arm**

   - ( ) 0 Unable to reach the pencil without taking more than two steps
   - ( ) 1 Able to reach the pencil but needs to take two steps
   - ( ) 2 Able to reach the pencil but needs to take one step
   - ( ) 3 Can reach the pencil without moving the feet but requires supervision
   - ( ) 4 Can reach the pencil safely and independently without moving the feet

3. **Turn 360 degrees in right and left directions**

   - ( ) 0 Needs manual assistance while turning
   - ( ) 1 Needs close supervision or verbal cueing while turning
   - ( ) 2 Able to turn 360 degrees but takes more than four steps in both directions
   - ( ) 3 Able to turn 360 degrees but unable to complete in four steps or fewer in one direction
   - ( ) 4 Able to turn 360 degrees safely taking four steps or fewer in both directions

4. **Step up onto and over a 6-inch bench**

   - ( ) 0 Unable to step up onto the bench without loss of balance or manual assistance
   - ( ) 1 Able to step up onto the bench with leading leg, but trailing leg contacts the bench or leg swings around the bench during the swing-through phase in both directions
   - ( ) 2 Able to step up onto the bench with leading leg, but trailing leg contacts the bench or swings around the bench during the swing-through phase in one direction
   - ( ) 3 Able to correctly complete the step up and over in both directions but requires close supervision in one or both directions
   - ( ) 4 Able to correctly complete the step up and over in both directions safely and independently

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*5. Tandem walk
   ( ) 0 Unable to complete 10 steps independently
   ( ) 1 Able to complete the 10 steps with more than five interruptions
   ( ) 2 Able to complete the 10 steps with three to five interruptions
   ( ) 3 Able to complete the 10 steps with one to two interruptions
   ( ) 4 Able to complete the 10 steps independently and with no interruptions

*6. Stand on one leg
   ( ) 0 Unable to try or needs assistance to prevent falling
   ( ) 1 Able to lift leg independently but unable to maintain position for more than 5 seconds
   ( ) 2 Able to lift leg independently and maintain position for more than 5 but less than 12 seconds
   ( ) 3 Able to lift leg independently and maintain position for 12 or more seconds but less than 20 seconds
   ( ) 4 Able to lift leg independently and maintain position for the full 20 seconds

*7. Stand on foam with eyes closed
   ( ) 0 Unable to step onto foam or maintain standing position independently with eyes open
   ( ) 1 Able to step onto foam independently and maintain standing position but unable or unwilling to close eyes
   ( ) 2 Able to step onto foam independently and maintain standing position with eyes closed for 10 seconds or less
   ( ) 3 Able to step onto foam independently and maintain standing position with eyes closed for more than 10 seconds but less than 20 seconds
   ( ) 4 Able to step onto foam independently and maintain standing position with eyes closed for 20 seconds

Do not introduce test item #8 if test item #4 was not performed safely and/or it is contraindicated to perform this test item (review test administration instructions for contraindications). Score a zero and move to next test item.

8. Two-footed jump
   ( ) 0 Unwilling or unable to attempt or attempts to initiate two-footed jump, but one or both feet do not leave the floor
   ( ) 1 Able to initiate two-footed jump, but one foot either leaves the floor or lands before the other
   ( ) 2 Able to perform two-footed jump, but unable to jump farther than the length of their own feet
   ( ) 3 Able to perform two-footed jump and achieve a distance greater than the length of their own feet
   ( ) 4 Able to perform two-footed jump and achieve a distance greater than twice the length of their own feet
9. Walk with head turns
   ( ) 0 Unable to walk 10 steps independently while maintaining 30° head turns at an established pace
   ( ) 1 Able to walk 10 steps independently but unable to complete required number of 30° head turns at an established pace
   ( ) 2 Able to walk 10 steps but veers from a straight line while performing 30° head turns at an established pace
   ( ) 3 Able to walk 10 steps in a straight line while performing 30° head turns at an established pace but head turns less than 30° in one or both directions
   ( ) 4 Able to walk 10 steps in a straight line while performing required number of 30° head turns at established pace

10. Reactive postural control
    ( ) 0 Unable to maintain upright balance; no observable attempt to step; requires manual assistance to restore balance
    ( ) 1 Unable to maintain upright balance; takes two or more steps and requires manual assistance to restore balance
    ( ) 2 Unable to maintain upright balance; takes more than two steps but is able to restore balance independently
    ( ) 3 Unable to maintain upright balance; takes two steps but is able to restore balance independently
    ( ) 4 Unable to maintain upright balance but able to restore balance independently with only one step

TOTAL: 40 POINTS

Evaluating Risk for Falls:

Long Form Fullerton Advanced Balance (FAB) scale Cut-Off Score: ≤ 25/40 Points
Short-Form Fullerton Advanced Balance (FAB) scale Cut-Off Score: ≤ 9/16 Points