

Lower Extremity Postural Assessments

Skill	Cl. Preceptor		Comments
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POSTURE ASSESSMENT			
References use of plumb line			
Lateral			
Lateral malleolus			
Lateral femoral condyle			
Greater trochanter			
Tibia/foot relationship			
Anterior			
Feet position			
Tibial crests			
Knees			
Patellas			
Fibular heads			
Iliac crests			
Posterior			
Feet spacing			
Feet alignment			
Knee spacing			
OVERHEAD SQUAT TEST			
Starting Position			
Feet positioned hip to shoulder width			
Toes pointing straight ahead			
Arms straight overhead			
Instructs to sit-squat			
Anterior Movement Pattern			
Checks for toe out			
Checks for knee compensation			
Lateral Movement Pattern			
Checks for forward lean			
Checks for arm position			
Posterior Movement Pattern			
Checks for foot pronation			
Recognizes muscle tightness			
Recognizes muscle weaknesses			

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Lower Extremity Neurological Assessments

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NEUROLOGICAL ASSESSMENTS			
Lower extremity dermatomes L1-S2			
L2 myotome			
L3 myotome			
L4 myotome			
L5 myotome			
S1 myotome			
S2 myotome			
L4 reflex			
L5 reflex			
S1 reflex			
Deep peroneal nerve compression			
Superficial peroneal nerve compression			
Tinel's sign (peroneal)			
Tinel's sign (tibial)			
Morton test			
Intermetatarsal glide			
VASCULAR ASSESSMENTS			
Femoral pulse			
Popliteal pulse			
Posterior tibial pulse			
Dorsal pedal pulse			

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Lower Extremity Measurements & Goniometry

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MEASUREMENTS			
Navicular drop			
Tibial torsion			
Lower leg girth			
Q-angle			
Tibial sulcus angle			
Fem. anteversion/retroversion (Craig's Test)			
True leg length			
Functional leg length			
Patella alta/baja			
Neutral calcaneal stance (ALM)			
GONIOMETRY			
Ankle plantarflexion			
Ankle dorsiflexion			
Ankle inversion			
Ankle eversion			
Knee flexion			
Knee extension			
Hip flexion			
Hip extension			
Hip abduction			
Hip adduction			
Hip internal rotation			
Hip external rotation			

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Lower Extremity Manual Muscle Testing

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Tibialis anterior			
Extensor digitorum longus			
Extensor hallucis longus			
Tibialis posterior			
Flexor digitorum longus			
Flexor hallucis longus			
Peroneus longus/brevis			
Peroneus tertius			
Soleus			
Gastrocnemius			
Quadriceps			
Lateral hamstrings			
Medial hamstrings			
Sartorius			
Tensor fascia latae			
Iliopsoas			
Hip adductors			
Gluteus maximus			
Gluteus medius			
Gluteus minimus			
Hip medial rotators			
Hip lateral rotators			

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Knee Skills: Patellofemoral & Misc Knee Assessments

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Effusion milking			
Ballottable patella			
Q-angle measurement			
Medial/lateral glides			
Superior/inferior glides			
Patellar alignment (baja, alta, squinting, frog)			
Tubercle sulcus angle measure			
PATELLAR POSITIONING			
Superior/inferior tilt			
Medial/lateral tilt			
Pole rotation			
ILIOTIBIAL BAND ASSESSMENTS			
Ober test			
Noble compression test			
Renne's test			
PLICA ASSESSMENT			
Stutter test			
Test for medial synovial plica			
Palpation assessment			
Wilson's sign/test			
Apley compression test			
McMurray (modified)			
Thessaly			
Explains application of Ottawa knee rules			

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Knee Ligamentous tests: Straight plane & rotary

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Varus stress test (0° & 30°)			
Valgus stress test (0° & 30°)			
Anterior drawer			
Posterior drawer			
Sag sign			
Godfrey 90-90 test			
Lachman/modified			
Tib-fib translation			
Pivot shift			
Slocum drawers			
Dial test			
Slocum ALRI (flexion reduction drawer)			
Crossover test			
External rotation recurvatum			

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Hip Skills

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SI Compression/distraction			
FABER			
Long sit			
Thomas/Kendall			
Trendelenberg			
Ely's			
Femoral nerve traction			
Hip scouring			
Gaenslen			
Piriformis syndrome test			
Fulcrum test			

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Gait Assessment

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Determines forefoot/rearfoot relationship			
Checks shoes for wear pattern			
Observation of Stance			
Trunk			
Lean (forward, backward, lateral)			
Pelvis			
Contralateral drop			
Hip			
Inadequate extension			
Knee			
Excessive/inadequate flexion			
Uncontrolled extension			
Uncontrolled valgus movement			
Ankle/foot			
Presence of foot slap			
Forefoot contact			
Pronation in midstance			
Re-supination in push-off			
Observation of swing			
Pelvis- Hiking			
Hip- circumduction			
Knee- degree of flexion			
Lower leg- lateral rotation			
Ankle/foot- compensatory eversion			

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Foot Skills

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Subtalar Neutral (STN)			
Describes STN			
Explains purpose of determining STN			
Describes functional means of assessing STN			
Assesses medial longitudinal arch			
Observes for arch structure			
Checks for structural or functional flat foot			
Navicular drop test			
Observation/inspection			
Inspects shoes for wear			
Checks for swelling			
Inspects for toe deformities & explains			
Inspects for normal/abnormal callus			
PALPATION	Explains significance of palpation locations in assessment of foot conditions		
Calcaneus			
Talus			
Cuboid			
Navicular			
Cuneiforms (3)			
Metatarsals (5)			
Phalanges (14)			
Sesamoids			
M-P joints			
Mid-tarsal articulation			
Medial malleolus			
Lateral malleolus			
Navicular tuberosity			
Peroneal tubercle			
Medial calcaneal tubercle			
Sustentaculum tali			
Styloid process of 5th met			
Calcaneonavicular ligt.			
Tarsal tunnel & tendons			
Plantar fascia			
Achilles tendon			
Spring (calcaneonavicular) ligament			
Distal tibia/fibula			
Anterior compartment tendons			
Lateral compartment tendons			
Dorsal pedal pulse			
Posterior tibial pulse			
Tarso-metatarsal articulations			

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Functional Assessments			
AROM			
Toe flexion/extension			
MP flexion/extension			
MP ADD/ABD			
Plantar flexion			
Dorsiflexion			
Inversion			
Eversion			
PROM			
Toe flexion/extension			
MP flexion/extension			
MP ADD/ABD			
Midtarsal glides			
MP glides			
Tarsometatarsal glides			
Plantar flexion			
Dorsiflexion			
Inversion			
Eversion			
RROM			
Toe flexion/extension			
MP flexion/extension			
MP ADD/ABD			
Plantar flexion			
Dorsiflexion			
Inversion			
Eversion			

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Ankle Skills

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PALPATION		
Anterior talofibular ligament		
Calcaneofibular ligament		
Posterior talofibular ligament		
Anterior tibiofibular ligament		
Posterior tibiofibular ligament		
Anterior tibiotalar ligament		
Tibionavicular ligament		
Tibiocalcaneal ligament		
Posterior tibiotalar ligament		
Styloid process of 5 th metatarsal		
Range of Motion: AROM		
Dorsiflexion		
Plantarflexion		
Inversion		
Eversion		
PROM		
Dorsiflexion		
Plantarflexion		
Inversion		
Eversion		
RROM		
Dorsiflexion		
Plantarflexion		
Inversion		
Eversion		
LIGAMENTOUS TESTS		
Anterior drawer		
Talar tilt – inversion		
Talar tilt-eversion		
Kleiger test		
Cotton test		
External rotation test		
Squeeze test		
Point test		
One-legged hop test		
Explains application of Ottawa ankle rules		

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