

Functional Decline/"Failure to Thrive"

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How developed	Literature review and consensus process engaged in by members of expert panel and society leadership.
Additional essential patient information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why did you refer the patient? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Decline in activities of daily living (toileting, bathing, dressing, eating, transferring, continence) ○ Decline in instrumental activities of daily living (finances, medication management, laundry, shopping, food prep, transportation, telephone, housekeeping) ○ Home safety concerns ○ Management of multi-morbidity (competing benefit/burdens of treatments) ○ Goals of Care ○ Sarcopenia, anorexia, unexplained weight loss ("Failure to thrive") ○ Caregiver stress ○ Frequent falls ○ Dementia care ○ Multiple medications/polypharmacy • Current medication list <p>Healthcare proxy or surrogate decision-maker name/contact, if cognitive impairment</p>
Additional patient information, if available	Recent chemistries, CBC, vitamin B12, vitamin d 25-OH, TSH
Alarm symptoms	Escalating symptoms; Urgent safety concerns
Tests/Procedures to avoid prior to consult	None
Common rule-outs to consider prior to consults	None
Relevant "Choosing Wisely" elements	None

<p>Physician and/or patient resources</p>	<p>Healthcare Professional Information:</p> <p>http://www.rand.org/health/projects/acove.html http://www.americangeriatrics.org/files/documents/MCC.principles.pdf</p> <p>Patient Information:</p> <p>Falls prevention: http://www.cdc.gov/HomeandRecreationalSafety/Falls/CheckListForSafety.html</p> <p>Medication management: http://www.americangeriatrics.org/files/documents/Adv_Resources/Medication.Management.July.2011.pdf</p> <p>Dementia: http://www.alz.org http://www.healthinaging.org</p>
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