

Scoring the Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS) Questionnaire:

The LEFS is easy to administer and score and can be used to establish functional goals. It is applicable to a wide range of disability levels and all lower-extremity conditions.¹ This questionnaire measures a patient's initial function, ongoing progress, and final outcome.¹ It is a self-report condition-specific measure that has been proven to yield reliable and valid measurements.

Scoring

LEFS is scored via summation of all responses (one answer per section) and compared to a total possible score of 80. (**Score = sum of responses / 80**)

80

The LEFS **raw score is the final score** and should be compared to the total possible score of 80 as a reference

Error +/- 5 points; an observed score is within 5 points of a patients "true" score.

Minimum detectable change (MDC): 9 points; change of more than 9 points on the LEFS represents a true change.

Minimum clinically important difference (MCID): 9 points; "Clinicians can be reasonably confident that a change of greater than 9 points is... a clinically meaningful functional change."¹

¹ Binkley JA, Stratford PW, Lott SA, Riddle DL. The Lower Extremity Functional Scale (LEFS): Scale Development, Measurement Properties, and Clinical Application. Physical Therapy (1999) 79, 371-383.

