

Box 1: The CSHA Clinical Frailty Scale

- 1 *Very fit* — robust, active, energetic, well motivated and fit; these people commonly exercise regularly and are in the most fit group for their age
- 2 *Well* — without active disease, but less fit than people in category 1
- 3 *Well, with treated comorbid disease* — disease symptoms are well controlled compared with those in category 4
- 4 *Apparently vulnerable* — although not frankly dependent, these people commonly complain of being “slowed up” or have disease symptoms
- 5 *Mildly frail* — with limited dependence on others for instrumental activities of daily living
- 6 *Moderately frail* — help is needed with both instrumental and non-instrumental activities of daily living
- 7 *Severely frail* — completely dependent on others for the activities of daily living, or terminally ill

Note: CSHA = Canadian Study of Health and Aging.