

Modified Medical Research Council Dyspnoea Scale

Grade

- 0 "I only get breathless with strenuous exercise"
- 1 "I get short of breath when hurrying on the level or walking up a slight hill"
- 2 "I walk slower than people of the same age on the level because of breathlessness or have to stop for breath when walking at my own pace on the level"
- 3 "I stop for breath after walking about 100 yards or after a few minutes on the level"
- 4 "I am too breathless to leave the house" or "I am breathless when dressing"

NB: This is the modified MRC scale that uses the same descriptors as the original MRC scale in which the descriptors are numbered 1-5. The modified MRC scale (0-4) is used for calculation of BODE index.

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