

# RAPID UPPER LIMB ASSESSMENT

Client:	Date/time:	Assessor:
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<b>Right Side:</b>						
Right Upper Arm						<input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder is raised <input type="checkbox"/> Upper arm is abducted <input type="checkbox"/> Leaning or supporting the weight of the arm
Right Lower Arm					<input type="checkbox"/> Working across the midline of the body or out to the side	
Right Wrist						<input type="checkbox"/> Wrist is bent away from midline  <small>Select if wrist is bent away from midline</small>
Right Wrist Twist			<b>Force &amp; Load for the Right handside</b> <b>SELECT ONLY ONE OF THESE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No resistance • less than 2kg intermittent load or force <input type="checkbox"/> 2-10kg intermittent load or force <input type="checkbox"/> 2-10kg static load • 2-10kg repeated loads or forces • 10kg or more intermittent load or force <input type="checkbox"/> 10kg static load • 10kg repeated loads or forces • Shock or forces with rapid buildup			
Muscle Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Posture is mainly static, e.g. held for longer than 1 minute or repeated more than 4 times per minute					

<b>Left Side:</b>						
Left Upper Arm						<input type="checkbox"/> Shoulder is raised <input type="checkbox"/> Upper arm is abducted <input type="checkbox"/> Leaning or supporting the weight of the arm
Left Lower Arm					<input type="checkbox"/> Working across the midline of the body or out to the side	
Left Wrist						<input type="checkbox"/> Wrist is bent away from midline  <small>Select if wrist is bent away from midline</small>
Left Wrist Twist			<b>Force &amp; Load for the Right handside</b> <b>SELECT ONLY ONE OF THESE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No resistance • less than 2kg intermittent load or force <input type="checkbox"/> 2-10kg intermittent load or force <input type="checkbox"/> 2-10kg static load • 2-10kg repeated loads or forces • 10kg or more intermittent load or force <input type="checkbox"/> 10kg static load • 10kg repeated loads or forces • Shock or forces with rapid buildup			
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Neck					
Neck Twist					
Neck Side-bend					
Trunk					
Trunk Twist					
Trunk Side-bend					
Legs		Legs and feet are well supported and in an evenly balanced posture.		Legs and feet are NOT evenly balanced and supported.	
Force Et Load for the neck, trunk and legs	<b>SELECT ONLY ONE OF THESE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> No resistance ♦ less than 2kg intermittent load or force <input type="checkbox"/> 2-10kg intermittent load or force <input type="checkbox"/> 2-10kg static load ♦ 2-10kg repeated loads or forces ♦ 10kg or more intermittent load or force <input type="checkbox"/> 10kg static load ♦ 10kg repeated loads or forces ♦ Shock or forces with rapid buildup				
Muscle Use	<input type="checkbox"/> Posture is mainly static, e.g. held for longer than 1 minute or repeated more than 4 times per minute				

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RULA provides a score of a snapshot of the activity as part of a rapid screening tool. The user should refer to the original article\* to check the detail of the scoring and correct use of RULA scores. Further investigation and actions may be required.

For further information on methodology, please refer to our on-line guidance at [www.ergonomics.co.uk](http://www.ergonomics.co.uk) or:  
 McAtamney, L and Corlett, E.N. Reducing the risks of work related upper limb disorders - A guide and methods. Published by: Institute for Occupational Ergonomics, University of Nottingham, Nottingham NG7 2RD, UK. (1992). Tel: +44 (0)115 9514005 for details.

\*McAtamney, L. and Corlett, E.N. "RULA - A survey method for investigation of work-related upper limb disorders. Applied Ergonomics 1993, 24(2), 91-99

