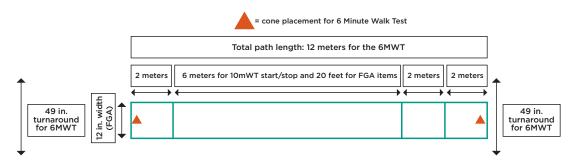


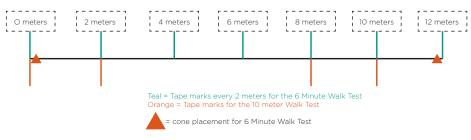
Did you know? By making small changes in your environment, you can make it easier and more efficient to complete the Core Outcome Measures. Below are some ideas.

- 1. Select a Testing Space
 - a. Consider a space in your facility/clinic that is quiet, less busy and that you have access to on a regular basis.
 - b. Try to choose space that is close to where you typically treat.
 - c. Talk with your leadership team, and consider a space that is convenient to everyone.
- Pre-measure space for the 10 meter Walk Test (10mWT), 6 Minute Walk Test (6MWT) and Functional Gait Assessment (FGA).
 a. Once you determine a space, mark the distances for the 10mWT, 6MWT and FGA with tape.
 - Example (bird's eye view):



b. Can't tape the floor permanently? If you can use small tape marks on a baseboard, you will have quick references for placing cones to mark the distances.

Example (looking at a hallway baseboard):



- c. No tape allowed?
 - i. Be sure to ask about "floor tape" which is made specifically to avoid pulling the finish off the floor.
 - ii. If you have floor or ceiling tiles, you can measure these and use them as quick references for placing cones to mark the distances (e.g.: 1 tile = 12 inches; 20 tiles = length for FGA and timed portion of 10mWT).
 - iii. Use reflective tape/ribbon (you can clean it!) and premeasure the distances, adding marks for each distance. Consider attaching a cone to each end and then easily wrap the measured device up after each use.
 - iv. Use an industrial tape measure with marks written on it for each distance (needs to be at least 40' long).
 - v. Other ideas: use a dry erase marker on tile floors that will wash easily.
- 3. Use this comprehensive list to have easy access to all the items you might need for any of the core measure tests:
 - ✓ Stopwatch
 - ✓ Cones
 - ✓ 2 Standard height chairs with backrests:
 - One with arms one without
 - Note: a seat height of 18 inches meets the standard for both the 5XSTS (17-18 in.) and Berg (18-20 in.)
- ✓ Step stool (7 ¾ 9 in. High)
- ✓ Ruler
- ✓ Slipper or shoe
- ✓ 2 stacked shoeboxes (9 in. high)

✓ Mechanical lap counter or paper/pencil

- ✓ Stairs with bilateral handrails (7 ³⁄₄ 9 in. step height)
- 4. Keep all protocol instructions and/or cut off/MDC/MCID values nearby for quick reference
 - a. Use a binder, clipboard or file folder
 - b. Laminate for longevity and post on the wall