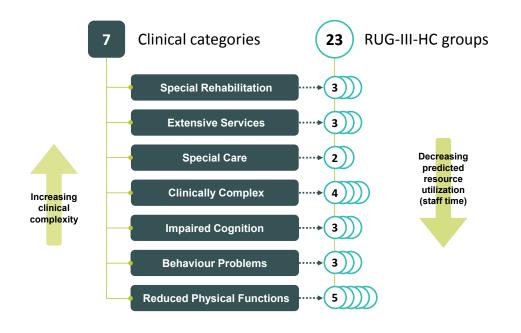
Resource Utilization Groups III Home Care (RUG-III-HC)



The Resource Utilization Groups III Home Care (RUG-III-HC) is a grouping methodology that is used to categorize clients in community care organizations in Canada. Client assessment data is sorted into categories and groups based on a client's clinical characteristics. Organizations can use information about the case mix of their clients to guide decisions about program planning and resource allocation. Here are some of the clinical characteristics associated with the RUG-III-HC categories:

Special Rehabilitation: Occupational/physical/ speech–language therapy

Extensive Services: High Activities of Daily Living (ADL) Impairment score; respirator for assistive breathing; all other respiratory treatments; tracheostomy care

Special Care: Stage 3 or 4 pressure ulcers; enteral feeding tube; multiple sclerosis; second- or third-degree burns; radiation therapy; IV infusion (peripheral or central); fever and insufficient fluid or pneumonia or vomiting or unintended weight loss

Clinically Complex: Insufficient fluid; stasis ulcer; end-stage disease; chemotherapy; transfusions; hemiplegia/hemiparesis; urinary tract infections; dialysis; pneumonia; skin conditions

Impaired Cognition: Fewer ADL impairments; moderate or high Cognitive Performance Scale (CPS) score

Behaviour Problems: Fewer ADL impairments; socially inappropriate/disruptive behavioural symptoms occurred — not easily altered; hallucinations

Reduced Physical Functions: All assessments qualify



Summary of RUG-III-HC grouping methodology

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