Identifying Frail Patients in Practice

Study of Osteoporotic Fracture (SOF) Criteria for Frailty		
Frailty Criteria	Data Collection	Score
Weight loss \ge 5% over 3 yrs	Weight 3 years ago	Score=1 if weight loss $\geq 5\%$
	Weight today	Otherwise, Score=0
	Change in weight/ Weight 3	
	years ago= % loss	
Inability to do 5 chair stands	Sit in chair, do not use arms,	Score=1, if unable
	rise 5 times	Otherwise, Score=0
"Do you feel full of energy?"	Ask the question, must answer	Score=1, if no
	yes or no	Otherwise, Score=0
		Sum above scores
If summed score is 2 or 3, patient is frail;		
If score is 1 patient is prefrail;		
If score=0 the patient is robust		

Reference: Ensrud KE, Ewing SK, Taylor BC, et al. Comparison of 2 frailty indexes for prediction of falls, disability, fractures, and death in older women. Arch Intern Med. 2008 Feb 25;168 (4):382-9