Table 11.1 Fatigue: Assessment and Management Factors for Consideration

Characteristics	Frequency
	• Intensity
	Time of day
	Type of fatigue (i.e., physical or cognitive)
	Aggravating factors
	 Physical activity, cognitive load, social and environmental
	exposure
Assessment	Focused history
	• Validated scale to assess fatigue (i.e., <u>Barrow Neurological Institute</u>
	Fatigue Scale, Fatigue Severity Scale).
	• Consider blood test screening if appropriate (CBC, TSH,
	electrolytes)
Contributing Causes of Fatigue	Affective disorder, including depression, anxiety
	Sleep disorder
	Metabolic causes, including hypothyroidism, anemia or chronic
	disease (e.g., rheumatoid arthritis)
	• Electrolyte abnormality (e.g., hyponatremia, hypocalcemia, etc.)
	Polypharmacy or medication adverse effect
	Nutritional status