


NIH stroke scale
Admission date:
Time:

| | | Before | 2 h | 24 h | 7 days/ discharge |
|---|---|--|-----|-------|----------------------|
| 1a. Level of consciousness | 0 | Alert | | | |
| | 1 | Not alert, but arousable with minimal stimulation | | | |
| | 2 | Not alert, requires repeated stimulation to attend | | | |
| | 3 | Coma | | | |
| 1b. LOC questions <i>Ask patient the month and their age</i> | 0 | Answers both correctly | | | |
| | 1 | Answers one correctly | | | |
| | 2 | Both incorrect | | | |
| 1c. LOC commands <i>Ask patient to open/close eyes and form/release fist</i> | 0 | Obeys both correctly | | | |
| | 1 | Obeys one correctly | | | |
| | 2 | Both incorrect | | | |
| 2. Best gaze <i>Only horizontal eye movement</i> | 0 | Normal | | | |
| | 1 | Partial gaze palsy | | | |
| | 2 | Forced gaze palsy | | | |
| 3. Visual field testing | 0 | No visual field loss | | | |
| | 1 | Partial hemianopia | | | |
| | 2 | Complete hemianopia | | | |
| | 3 | Bilateral hemianopia (blind, incl. Cortical blindness) | | | |
| 4. Facial palsy <i>Ask patient to show teeth or raise eyebrows and close eyes tightly</i> | 0 | Normal symmetrical movement | | | |
| | 1 | Minor paralysis (flattened nasolabial fold, asymmetry on smiling) | | | |
| | 2 | Partial paralysis (total or near total paralysis of lower face) | | | |
| | 3 | Complete paralysis of one or both sides (absence of facial movement in the upper and lower face) | | | |
| 5. Motor function arm | 0 | Normal (extends arm 90° or 45° for 10 sec without drift) | | Right | |
| | 1 | Drift | | | |
| | 2 | Some effort against gravity | | | |
| | 3 | No effort against gravity | | Left | |
| | 4 | No movement | | | |
| | 9 | Unstable (joint fused or limb amputated) <i>(should not be added in total score)</i> | | | |
| 6. Motor function leg | 0 | Normal (holds leg in 30° position for 5 sec without drift) | | Right | |
| | 1 | Drift | | | |
| | 2 | some effort against gravity | | | |
| | 3 | No effort against gravity | | Left | |
| | 4 | No movement | | | |
| | 9 | Unstable (joint fused or limb amputated) <i>(should not be added in total score)</i> | | | |
| 7. Limb ataxia | 0 | No ataxia | | | |
| | 1 | Present in one limb | | | |
| | 2 | Present in two limbs | | | |
| 8. Sensory <i>Use pinprick to test arms, legs, trunk and face, compare side to side</i> | 0 | Normal | | | |
| | 1 | Mild to moderate decrease in sensation | | | |
| | 2 | Severe to total sensory loss | | | |
| 9. Best language <i>Ask patient to describe picture, name items</i> | 0 | No aphasia | | | |
| | 1 | Mild to moderate aphasia | | | |
| | 2 | Severe aphasia | | | |
| | 3 | Mute | | | |
| 10. Dysarthria <i>Ask patient to read several words</i> | 0 | Normal articulation | | | |
| | 1 | Mild to moderate slurring of words | | | |
| | 2 | Near unintelligible or unable to speak | | | |
| | 9 | Intubated or other physical barrier <i>(should not be added in total score)</i> | | | |
| 11. Extinction and inattention <i>Use visual double stimulation or sensory double stimulation</i> | 0 | Normal | | | |
| | 1 | Inattention or extinction to bilateral simultaneous stimulation in one of the sensory modalities | | | |
| | 2 | Severe hemi-inattention or hemi-inattention to more than one modality | | | |
| Total score: | | | | | |