

# NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF HEALTH STROKE SCALE

Assessment	Function	Score range	Baseline	1 hour	2 hour	24 hrs	48 hrs
		DATE / TIME					
1a. LOC	Alert	0					
	Drowsy	1					
	Stuporous	2					
	Coma	3					
1b. LOC question: (month, age)	Answers both correctly	0					
	Answers one correctly	1					
	Both incorrect	2					
(open/close eyes, make fist, let go)	Obeys both	0					
	Obeys one	1					
	Both incorrect	2					
2. Best gaze eyes open-pt follows examiners finger	Normal	0					
	Partial gaze palsy	1					
	Forced deviation	2					
3. Best visual (introduce visual stimulus)	No visual loss	0					
	partial hemianopia	1					
	Complete hemianopia	2					
	Bilateral hemianopia	3					
4. Facial Palsy (show teeth, raise eyebrows)	Normal	0					
	Minor	1					
	Partial	2					
	Complete	3					
5a. Best Motor Left side arm (elevate extremity 90 degrees score drift)	No drift	0					
	Drift	1					
	Some effort against gravity	2					
	Can't resist gravity	3					
	No movement	4					
5b. Best Motor Right side (elevate extremity 90 degrees score drift)	No drift	0					
	Drift	1					
	Some effort against gravity	2					
	Can't resist gravity	3					
	No movement	4					
6a. Best Motor Left leg (elevate extremity 30 degrees score drift)	No drift	0					
	Drift	1					
	Some effort against gravity	2					
	Can't resist gravity	3					
	No movement	4					
6b. Best Motor Right leg (elevate extremity 30 degrees score drift)	No drift	0					
	Drift	1					
	Some effort against gravity	2					
	Can't resist gravity	3					
	No movement	4					
7. Limb ataxia (Finger-nose, heel down shin)	Absent	0					
	Present in upper or lower	1					
	Present in both	2					
8. Sensory (pin prick to face, arm, trunk, leg- compare sides)	Normal	0					
	Partial loss	1					
	Dense loss	2					
9. Best language (name items, describe picture, read sentences)	No aphasia	0					
	Mild-mod aphasia	1					
	Severe aphasia	2					
	Mute	3					
10. Dysarthria (Elevate speech clarity of repeated words)	Normal Articulation	0					
	Mild-mod slurring	1					
	Severe near unintelligible words	2					
11. Extinction / Inattention (use information from prior testing to identify neglect or double simultaneous stimuli testing)	No neglect	0					
	Partial neglect	1					
	Profound neglect	2					
<b>SCORE TOTAL</b>							



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