



NIH stroke scale

Admission date:

Time:

Before	2 h	24 h	7D/ Disch

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	Untestable (joint fused/limb amputated) (<i>do not add 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	Untestable (joint fused/limb amputated) (<i>do not add 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>do not add 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	Hemi-inattention, severe or to more than one modality				
12. Distal motor function <i>Ask patient to extend his/her fingers as much as possible</i>	0	Normal	Right			
	1	At least some extension after 5 sec but not fully extended				
	2	No voluntary extension after 5 sec	Left			
Total score:						

