

STROKE CODE

Practice mode: example case. Nothing you tap is saved.

1a Level of consciousness

0

Score what you see. 3 only if no response beyond reflexes.

- Alert, keenly responsive 0
- Not alert, but arousable by minor stimulation 1
- Not alert, needs repeated or painful stimulation 2
- Unresponsive or reflex responses only 3

1b LOC questions

1

Ask the month and their age. Score the first answer; no partial credit, no coaching. Aphasic or stuporous = 2. Intubated or severe dysarthria = 1.

- Both correct 0
- One correct 1
- Neither correct 2

NIHSS TOTAL

12
Moderate

15 of 15 items scored

NIHSS ≥ 6 : think LVO. Get CTA and call the EVT team.

Saved exams

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1c LOC commands

0

Open and close the eyes, then grip and release the non-paretic hand. Pantomime is OK.

- Both correct 0
- One correct 1
- Neither correct 2

2 Best gaze

1

Horizontal eye movements only, voluntary or oculocephalic.

- Normal 0
- Partial gaze palsy, or isolated nerve palsy 1
- Forced deviation, not overcome by oculocephalic 2

3 Visual fields

1

Test each quadrant by confrontation (finger count or visual threat).

- No visual loss 0
- Partial hemianopia (incl. quadrantanopia, extinction) 1
- Complete hemianopia 2
- Bilateral hemianopia (blind, incl. cortical) 3

4 Facial palsy

2

Show teeth, raise eyebrows, close eyes tightly.

- Normal, symmetric 0
- Minor: flat nasolabial fold, asymmetric smile 1
- Partial: near or total paralysis of the lower face 2
- Complete: upper and lower face, one or both sides 3

5a Motor: left arm**3**

Arm at 90° sitting or 45° supine, palm down. Count 10 s.

No drift for full 10 s **0**

Drifts down, does not hit bed **1**

Some effort against gravity, falls to bed **2**

No effort against gravity, falls **3**

No movement **4**

Amputation or joint fusion (scores 0) **UN**

5b Motor: right arm**0**

Arm at 90° sitting or 45° supine, palm down. Count 10 s.

No drift for full 10 s **0**

Drifts down, does not hit bed **1**

Some effort against gravity, falls to bed **2**

No effort against gravity, falls **3**

No movement **4**

Amputation or joint fusion (scores 0) **UN**

6a Motor: left leg**2**

Leg at 30° supine. Count 5 s.

No drift for full 5 s **0**

Drifts down, does not hit bed **1**

Some effort against gravity, falls to bed **2**

No effort against gravity, falls **3**

No movement **4**

Amputation or joint fusion (scores 0) **UN**

6b Motor: right leg**0**

Leg at 30° supine. Count 5 s.

No drift for full 5 s **0**

Drifts down, does not hit bed **1**

Some effort against gravity, falls to bed **2**

No effort against gravity, falls **3**

No movement **4**

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7 Limb ataxia**0**

Finger-nose and heel-shin. Score only if out of proportion to weakness. Paralyzed or can't understand = 0.

Absent **0**

Present in one limb **1**

Present in two limbs **2**

Amputation or joint fusion (scores 0) **UN**

8 Sensory**1**

Pinprick on face, arms, trunk, legs. Compare sides.

Normal **0**

Mild–moderate loss: less sharp or dull **1**

Severe or total loss, or coma **2**

9 Best language**1**

Describe the picture, name items, read sentences. Coma (1a = 3) = 3.

No aphasia **0**

Mild–moderate aphasia **1**

Severe aphasia, fragmentary **2**

Mute or global aphasia **3**

10 Dysarthria**0**

Have them read or repeat words from the list.

Normal **0**

Mild–moderate, understandable with difficulty **1**

Severe: unintelligible, or mute **2**

Intubated or other physical barrier (scores 0) **UN**

11 Extinction / inattention

0

Double simultaneous stimulation, visual and tactile.

No abnormality

0

Inattention or extinction in one modality

1

Profound hemi-inattention, more than one modality

2