

patient label

NIHSS

			ADM.	Daily or DC	Daily or DC	Daily or DC	Daily or DC	Daily or DC
			date/time initial	date/time initial	date/time initial	date/time initial	date/time initial	date/time initial
1a. Level of Consciousness	Alert, keenly responsive Drowsy, arouseable by minor stimulation Stuporous, requires repeated stimulation Coma, only reflex movements or unresponsive, flaccid	0 1 2 3						
1b. LOC Questions (month, age)	Answers both correct Answers 1 correct Answers 0 correct	0 1 2						
1c. LOC Commands (open/close eyes, open/close fist)	Obeys both commands Obeys 1 command Obeys 0 commands	0 1 2						
2. Best gaze (eyes open: pt follows examiners finger or face)	Normal Partial gaze palsy, not forced or total Forced deviation, total gaze palsy, unable to overcome	0 1 2						
3. Visual (introduce visual stimulus/threat to pt's visual field quad)	Normal, no visual loss Partial hemianopia Complete hemianopia Bilateral hemianopia (blind including cortical blindness)	0 1 2 3						
4. Facial (show teeth, raise eyebrows & squeeze eyes shut)	Normal Minor, decreased NLF Partial paralysis Complete, upper & lower facial paralysis	0 1 2 3						
5a. Motor Arm--Left (elevate ext. to 90 degrees X 10 secs & score drift/movement)	No drift Drift, does not hit bed Some effort against gravity, drifts down to bed No effort against gravity, limb falls No movement Amputation, joint fusion (explain)	0 1 2 3 4 un						
5b. Motor Arm--Right (elevate ext. to 90 degrees X 10 secs & score drift/movement)	No drift Drift, does not hit bed Some effort against gravity, drifts down to bed No effort against gravity, limb falls No movement Amputation, joint fusion (explain)	0 1 2 3 4 un						
6a. Motor leg--Left (elevate ext. to 30 degrees X 5 secs & score drift)	No drift Drift, does not hit bed Some effort against gravity, drifts down to bed No effort against gravity, limb falls No movement Amputation, joint fusion (explain)	0 1 2 3 4 un						
6b. Motor leg--Right (elevate ext. to 30 degrees X 5 secs & score drift)	No drift Drift, does not hit bed Some effort against gravity, drifts down to bed No effort against gravity, limb falls No movement Amputation, joint fusion (explain)	0 1 2 3 4 un						
7. Limb ataxia (finger to nose, heel down shin)	Absent Present 1 limb Present 2 limbs Amputation, joint fusion (explain)	0 1 2 un						
8. Sensory (pin prick to face, arm, trunk, leg)	Normal Mild to moderate sensory loss Severe to total sensory loss	0 1 2						
9. Best language (name items, describe picture, read sentence)	No aphasia Mild to moderate aphasia Severe aphasia, fragmented Mute, global aphasia; no usable speech or auditory comprehension	0 1 2 3						
10. Dysarthria (check speech clarity by pt. repeating listed words)	Normal Mild to moderate dysarthria Sever dysarthria; unintelligible or mute/anarthric Intubated or other physical barrier (explain)	0 1 2 un						
11. Extinction and inattention (use info from prior testing to ID neglect or double simultaneous testing)	No abnormality Visual, tactile, auditory, spatial or personal inattention or extinction to bilateral simultaneous stimulation in one of the sensory modalities Profound, complete neglect to more than one modality	0 1 2						
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