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stroke scale

CATEGORY	STROKE SCALE	SCORE
1a. Level of consciousness Alert, Drowsy, etc	<div>0</div> Alert <div>1</div> Drowsy <div>2</div> Stuporous <div>3</div> Coma	
1b. LOC Questions Month, age	<div>0</div> Answers both correctly <div>1</div> Answers one correctly <div>2</div> Incorrect	
1c. LOC Commands Open/close eyes, make a fist & let go	<div>0</div> Obeys both correctly <div>1</div> Obeys one correctly <div>2</div> Incorrect	
2. Best Gaze Eyes open - pt follows examiner's fingers or face.	<div>0</div> Normal <div>1</div> Partial gaze palsy <div>2</div> Forced deviation	
3. Visual Introduce visual stimulus/threat to pt's visual field quadrants. Cover 1 eye and hold up fingers in all 4 quadrants.	<div>0</div> No visual loss <div>1</div> Partial hemianopsia <div>2</div> Complete hemianopsia <div>3</div> Bilateral hemianopsia	
4. Facial Palsy Show teeth, raise eyebrows and squeeze eyes tightly shut.	<div>0</div> Normal <div>1</div> Minor <div>2</div> Partial <div>3</div> Complete	
5.a Motor Arm - Left Elevate extremity to 90 degrees and score drift/movement. Count to 10 out loud and use fingers for visual cue.	<div>0</div> No Drift <div>1</div> Drift <div>2</div> Can't resist gravity <div>3</div> No effort against gravity <div>4</div> No Movement NT = Amputation, joint fusion	
5.b Motor Arm - Right Elevate extremity to 90 degrees and score drift/movement. Count to 10 out loud and use fingers for visual cue.	<div>0</div> No Drift <div>1</div> Drift <div>2</div> Can't resist gravity <div>3</div> No effort against gravity <div>4</div> No Movement NT = Amputation, joint fusion	

6.a Motor Leg - Left

Elevate extremity to 30 degrees and score drift/movement. Count to 5 out loud and use fingers for visual cue.

0

No Drift

1

Drift

2

Can't resist gravity

3

No effort against gravity

4

No Movement

NT = Amputation, joint fusion

6.b Motor Leg - Right

Elevate extremity to 30 degrees and score drift/movement. Count to 5 out loud and use fingers for visual cue.

0

No Drift

1

Drift

2

Can't resist gravity

3

No effort against gravity

4

No Movement

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7. Limb Ataxia

Finger to nose, heel down shin

0

Absent

1

Present in one limb

2

Present in two limbs

8. Sensory

Pin prick to face, arms, trunk, and legs - compare sharpness side to side

0

Normal

1

Partial loss

2

Severe Loss

9. Best Language

Name items, describe picture, and read sentences. Don't forget glasses if they normally wear them.

0

No aphasia

1

Mild to moderate aphasia

2

Severe aphasia

3

Mute

10. Dysarthria

Evaluate speech clarity by pt reading or repeating words on list.

0

Normal articulation

1

Mild to moderate dysarthria

2

Near to unintelligible or worse

NT = Intubated or other physical barrier

11. Extinction and Inattention

Use information from prior testing or double simultaneous stimuli testing to identify neglect. Face, arms, legs, and visual fields.

0

No neglect

1

Partial neglect

2

Complete neglect

NT = Not Testable acceptable as noted above

Score

Stroke Severity

0	No stroke symptoms
1-4	Minor stroke
5-15	Moderate stroke
16-20	Moderate to severe stroke
21-42	Severe stroke

TOTAL =