

Table 1
National Institutes of Health stroke scale score

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| 1a. Level of consciousness | 0 = Alert; keenly responsive 1 = Not alert, but arousable by minor stimulation 2 = Not alert; requires repeated stimulation 3 = Unresponsive or responds only with reflex |
| 1b. Level of consciousness questions: What is the month? What is your age? | 0 = Both answers correct 1 = Answers 1 question correctly 2 = Answers 2 questions correctly |
| 1c. Level of consciousness commands: Open and close your eyes Grip and release your hand | 0 = Performs both tasks correctly 1 = Performs 1 task correctly 2 = Performs neither task correctly |
| 2. Best gaze | 0 = Normal 1 = Partial gaze palsy 2 = Forced deviation |
| 3. Visual | 0 = No visual loss 1 = Partial hemianopia 2 = Complete hemianopia 3 = Bilateral hemianopia |
| 4. Facial palsy | 0 = Normal symmetric movements 1 = Minor paralysis 2 = Partial paralysis 3 = Complete paralysis of 1 or both sides |
| 5. Motor arm 5a. Left arm 5b. Right arm | 0 = No drift 1 = Drift 2 = Some effort against gravity 3 = No effort against gravity; limb falls 4 = No movement |
| 6. Motor leg 6a. Left leg 6b. Right leg | 0 = No drift 1 = Drift 2 = Some effort against gravity 3 = No effort against gravity 4 = No movement |
| 7. Limb ataxia | 0 = Absent 1 = Present in 1 limb 2 = Present in 2 limbs |
| 8. Sensory | 0 = Normal; no sensory loss 1 = Mild-to-moderate sensory loss 2 = Severe to total sensory loss |
| 9. Best language | 0 = No aphasia; normal 1 = Mild to moderate aphasia 2 = Severe aphasia 3 = Mute, global aphasia |
| 10. Dysarthria | 0 = Normal 1 = Mild to moderate dysarthria 2 = Severe dysarthria |
| 11. Extinction and inattention | 0 = No abnormality 1 = Visual, tactile, auditory, spatial, or personal inattention 2 = Profound hemi-inattention or extinction |

Total score = 0–42

