

**Table 1**  
**National Institutes of Health stroke scale score**

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:	0 = Both answers correct
What is the month?	1 = Answers 1 question correctly
What is your age?	2 = Answers 2 questions correctly
1c. Level of consciousness commands:	0 = Performs both tasks correctly
Open and close your eyes	1 = Performs 1 task correctly
Grip and release your hand	2 = Performs neither task correctly
2. Best gaze (horizontal)	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	0 = No drift
5a. Left arm	1 = Drift
5b. Right arm	2 = Some effort against gravity 3 = No effort against gravity; limb falls 4 = No movement
6. Motor leg	0 = No drift
6a. Left leg	1 = Drift
6b. Right leg	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