

NIHSS

	Description	Score		Description	Score
1a Level of Consciousness (Alertness)	0 - Alert, keenly responsive 1 - Not alert, rousable by minor stimulation 2 - Not alert, rousable by painful stimulation 3 - Unresponsive, comatose		6a Motor Leg - Left 6b Motor leg - Right	0 - Holds limb at 30° for 5 secs 1 - Drifts but does not touch bed 2 - Some effort against gravity 3 - No effort against gravity 4 - No movement	Left
					Right
1b LOC Questions (States month & age)	0 - Answers both correctly 1 - Answers one correctly 2 - Both incorrect		7 Limb Ataxia (Finger-nose, heel down shin)	0 - Absent or comatose 1 - Present in one limb 2 - Present more than one limb	
1c LOC Commands (Open/close eyes, make fist/open fist)	0 - Obeys both correctly 1 - Obeys one correctly 2 - Both incorrect		8 Sensory (Assess face, arm and leg, compare sides)	0 - Normal 1 - Mild/Moderate sensory loss 2 - Severe/Total sensory loss	
2 Best Gaze (Eyes open, follows examiners finger or face)	0 - Normal 1 - Partial gaze palsy 2 - Forced deviation		9 Best Language (Name item, describe picture, read sentence)	0 - No aphasia 1 - Mild - moderate aphasia 2 - Severe aphasia 3 - Mute or comatose	
3 Visual Fields (Introduce visual stimulation to quadrants)	0 - No visual loss or comatose 1 - Partial hemianopia 2 - Complete hemianopia 3 - Bilateral hemianopia/Blind		10 Dysarthria (Clarity of speech repeating words)	0 - Normal articulation 1 - Mild - moderate dysarthria 2 - Unintelligible or comatose	
4 Facial Palsy (Show teeth, raise eyebrows, squeeze eyes shut)	0 - Normal 1 - Asymmetry on smiling 2 - Total paralysis of lower face 3 - Absent movement in upper & lower face		11 Extinction & Inattention (Bilateral simultaneous stimulation)	0 - No abnormality 1 - Present in one of the senses 2 - Present in more than one sense	
5a Motor Arm - Left 5b Motor Arm - Right	0 - Holds limb at 90° for 10 secs 1 - Drifts but does not touch bed 2 - Some effort against gravity 3 - No effort against gravity 4 - No movement	Left			Total
		Right			