

# STROKE SCALE NIHSS MINI

## Scoring of Mini NIHSS

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| <b>1a. Level of Consciousness</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 0 = Alert; keenly responsive.<br>1 = Drowsy; arousable by <b>minor stimulation</b><br>2 = Stuporous; requires <b>repeated stimulation</b> to attend, or is obtunded and requires <b>strong or painful stimulation</b> to make movements.<br>3 = Coma; responds only with reflex motor or autonomic effects or totally unresponsive, flaccid, and areflexic.         |
| 1b. <b>LOC Questions:</b> The patient is asked the month and his/her age. The answer must be correct-there is no partial credit for being close. If intubated, arbitrarily score 1.                                                                                                                                 | 0 = Answers <b>both</b> questions correctly.<br>1 = Answers <b>one</b> questions correctly.<br>2 = Answers <b>neither</b> questions correctly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| 1c. <b>LOC Commands:</b> The patient is asked to open and close the eyes and then to grip and release the non-paretic hand. Demonstration is permitted.                                                                                                                                                             | 0 = Performs <b>both</b> tasks correctly.<br>1 = Performs <b>one</b> task correctly.<br>2 = Performs <b>neither</b> task correctly.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Motor Arm:</b> The limb is placed in the appropriate position: extend the arms (palms down) 45 degrees. 10 second count for arm.<br><b>Motor Leg:</b> The limb is placed at 30 degrees. 5 second count for leg.<br>Demonstration is permitted. Each limb is tested in turn, beginning with the non-paretic side. | 0 = <b>No drift</b> ; limbs holds for full count.<br>1 = <b>Drift</b> ; drifts before full count; does not hit the bed or other support.<br>2 = <b>Some effort against gravity</b> ; limb cannot get to, or maintain position, drifts to bed, but has some effort against gravity.<br>3 = <b>No effort against gravity</b> ; limb falls<br>4 = <b>No movement</b> . |