



HP2800



**ACUTE ISCHEMIC STROKE
PATIENT ASSESSMENT
(NIH STROKE SCALE)**

ACCOUNT NO.
MED. REC. NO.
NAME
BIRTHDATE

Patient Identification

Category <small>*For abbreviated Stroke Scale, complete items in shaded rows</small>	Score/Description	Date/Time Initials	Date/Time Initials	Date/Time Initials	Date/Time Initials	Date/Time Initials
1a. Level of Consciousness (Alert, drowsy, etc.)	0 = Alert 1 = Drowsy 2 = Stuporous 3 = Coma					
1b. LOC Questions (Month, age)	0 = Answers both correctly 1 = Answers one correctly 2 = Incorrect					
1c. LOC Commands (Open/close eyes, make fist/let go)	0 = Obeys both correctly 1 = Obeys one correctly 2 = Incorrect					
2. Best Gaze (Eyes open – patient follows examiner's finger or face)	0 = Normal 1 = Partial gaze palsy 2 = Forced deviation					
3. Visual Fields (Introduce visual stimulus/threat to pt's visual field quadrants)	0 = No visual loss 1 = Partial Hemianopia 2 = Complete Hemianopia 3 = Bilateral Hemianopia (Blind)					
4. Facial Paresis (Show teeth, raise eyebrows and squeeze eyes shut)	0 = Normal 1 = Minor 2 = Partial 3 = Complete					
5a. Motor Arm – Left 5b. Motor Arm – Right (Elevate arm to 90° if pt is sitting, 45° if supine)	0 = No drift 1 = Drift 2 = Can't resist gravity 3 = No effort against gravity 4 = No movement X = Untestable (Joint fusion or limb amp)	Left				
		Right				
6a. Motor Leg – Left 6b. Motor Leg – Right (Elevate leg 30° with pt supine)	0 = No drift 1 = Drift 2 = Can't resist gravity 3 = No effort against gravity 4 = No movement X = Untestable (Joint fusion or limb amp)	Left				
		Right				
7. Limb Ataxia (Finger-nose, heel down shin)	0 = No ataxia 1 = Present in one limb 2 = Present in two limbs					
8. Sensory (Pin prick to face, arm, trunk, and leg – compare side to side)	0 = Normal 1 = Partial loss 2 = Severe loss					
9. Best Language (Name item, describe a picture and read sentences)	0 = No aphasia 1 = Mild to moderate aphasia 2 = Severe aphasia 3 = Mute					
10. Dysarthria (Evaluate speech clarity by patient repeating listed words)	0 = Normal articulation 1 = Mild to moderate slurring of words 2 = Near to unintelligible or worse X = Intubated or other physical barrier					
11. Extinction and Inattention (Use information from prior testing to identify neglect or double simultaneous stimuli testing)	0 = No neglect 1 = Partial neglect 2 = Complete neglect					
TOTAL SCORE						
INITIAL	SIGNATURE	INITIAL	SIGNATURE	INITIAL	SIGNATURE	