

NIH Stroke Scale

Initial Pre-treatment

1a. Level of Consciousness

- 0 = Alert, keenly responsive
- 1 = Not alert, arouseable by minor stimulation to obey, answer, or respond
- 2 = Not alert; requires repeated stimulation, obtunded and requires painful stimulation
- 3 = Unresponsive

1b. LOC Questions (Month & Age)

- 0 = Answers both correctly
- 1 = Answers one correctly
- 2 = Answers neither correctly

1c. LOC Commands (Open / close eyes / fist)

- 0 = Performs both correctly
- 1 = Performs one correctly
- 2 = Performs neither correctly

2. Lateral Gaze Paresis

- 0 = None
- 1 = Partial paresis one or both eyes
- 2 = Total or forced gaze paresis

3. Visual Field Loss

- 0 = No visual field loss
- 1 = Partial hemianopsia
- 2 = Complete hemianopsia
- 3 = Bilateral hemianopsia (blind)

4. Facial Palsy

- 0 = Normal symmetrical movement
- 1 = Minor paralysis
- 2 = Partial, near, or total lower facial paralysis
- 3 = Complete, one, or both sides upper and lower face

5. Motor Arm (10 second hold)

- 0 = No drift
- 1 = Drift; does not touch bed
- 2 = Drift; effort, yet touches bed
- 3 = No effort, limb falls
- 4 = No movement
- 5a. Left Arm
- 5b. Right Arm
- Not Testable (amputation, joint fusion, explain)

6. Motor Leg (5 second hold)

- 0 = No drift
- 1 = Drift; does not touch bed
- 2 = Drift; effort, yet touches bed
- 3 = No effort, limb falls
- 4 = No movement
- 6a. Left Leg
- 6b. Right Leg
- Not Testable (amputation, joint fusion, explain)

7. Limb Ataxia (finger / nose heel / shin)

- 0 = Absent
- 1 = Present in limb
- 2 = Present in two limbs
- If present, ataxia in
- Right arm yes no
- Left arm yes no
- Right leg yes no
- Left leg yes no

8. Sensory Loss (pinprick arms / legs / face)

- 0 = No sensory loss
- 1 = Mild, aware yet dulled
- 2 = Severe to total loss, Comatose

9. Language Aphasia (description / naming / reading)

- 0 = No aphasia; normal
- 1 = Mild, loss fluency, anomia, yet understandable
- 2 = Severe, fragmentary, not understandable
- 3 = Mute, global aphasia

10. Dysarthria (speech clarity)

- 0 = Normal
- 1 = Slurring, intelligible
- 2 = Severe slurring, unintelligible or mute
- Intubated or physical barrier

11. Extinction and Inattention

- (visual / tactile / auditory / spatial / personal)
- 0 = No abnormality
- 1 = Abnormal in one modality
- 2 = Profound hemi-inattention in multiple modalities

TOTAL STROKE SCALE SCORE

Time Onset: _____ **Time Arrival:** _____

CBC _____ **PT** _____ **Glucose** _____
 normal _____ **PTT** _____
 abnormal include **INR** _____
 wbc _____
 hgb _____ **SpO₂** _____ %
 hct _____
 plat _____
 diff _____

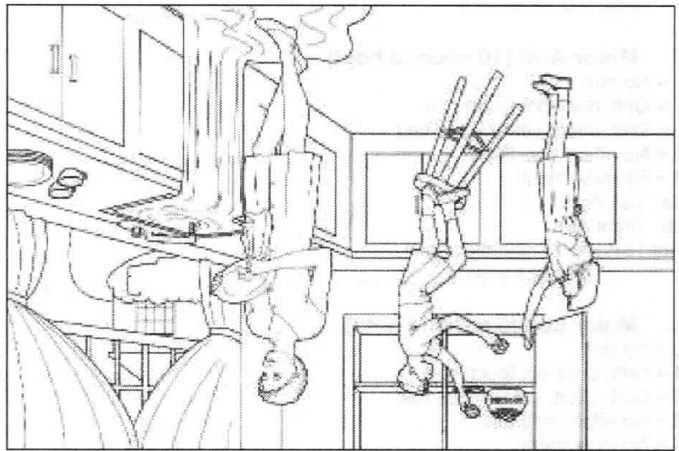
EKG ___normal _____

CT HEAD Interpreted by me / radiologist / neurologist _____

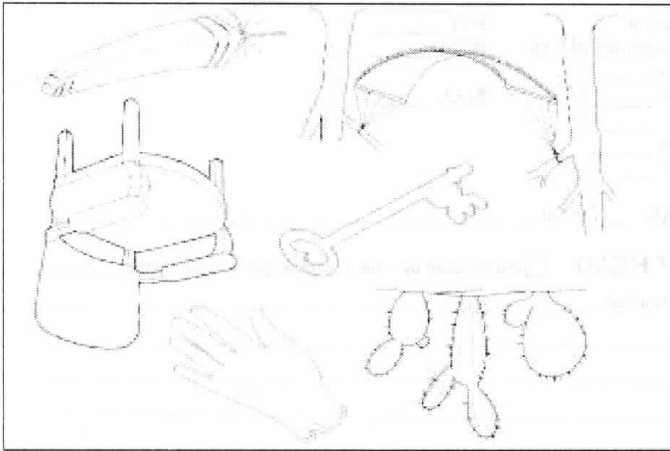
___normal _____

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NIH STROKE SCALE TESTING CARDS



Picture Description



Naming List

You know how.

Down to earth.

I got home from work.

Near the table in the dining room.

They heard him speak on the radio last night.

Sentences

MAMA

TIP-TOP

FIFTY-FIFTY

THANKS

HUCKLEBERRY

BASEBALL PLAYER

Word List