

FAST-ED STROKE SCORING TOOL

Assessment

Facial Palsy

Ask the patient to show their teeth or smile.

Arm Weakness

Ask the patient to extend both arms with palms up out in front of them, close their eyes, and hold them for a count of 10.

Speech Changes

Dysarthria – Ask the patient to repeat the phrase: “The sky is blue in Michigan.”

Expressive Aphasia – Ask the patient to name three common items.

Receptive Aphasia – Ask the patient to perform a simple command. *Ask the patient, “Show me two fingers.”

Eye Deviation

Assess 4 quadrants of visual field by having patient locate your index finger.

(Do not perform if expressive or receptive aphasia is present)

Denial/ Neglect

Anosognosia – Show the patient their affected arm and ask, “Do you feel weakness in this arm?”

Asomatognosia – Show the patient affected arm and ask, “Whose arm is this?”

Findings

Score

Facial Palsy

Both sides of the face move equally or not at all	0
One side of the face droops or is clearly asymmetric	1

Arm Weakness

Both arms remain up for >10 seconds or slowly move down equally	0
Patient can raise arms but one arm drifts down in <10 seconds	1
One or both arms fall rapidly, cannot be lifted, or no movement occurs at all	2

Speech Changes

Dysarthria – Is slurred speech present? (circle one)	Yes/No
Expressive Aphasia – Names 2 to 3 items correctly	0
Names only 0 to 1 item correctly	1
Receptive Aphasia – Normal, patient can follow the simple command	0
Unable to follow the simple command	1

Eye Deviation

No deviation, eyes move equally to both sides	0
Patient has clear difficulty when looking to one side (left or right)	1
Eyes are deviated to one side and do not move to the other side	2

Denial/Neglect

Anosognosia – Patient recognizes the weakness in their weak arm	0
Patient does NOT recognize the weakness in their arm	1
Asomatognosia – Patient recognizes their weak arm	0
Patient does NOT recognize their weak arm	1

TOTAL SCORE _____

A score greater than or equal to 4 indicates a high likelihood of LVO stroke.