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NIS SCALE

NIH Stroke Scale at Initial Evaluation		
1.a. Level of consciousness:	☐ 0 - Alert ☐ 1 - Not alert, but arousable with minimal stimulation	☐ 2 - Not alert, requires repeat stimulation to attend ☐ 3 - Coma
1.b. Ask patient the month and their age:	☐ 0 - Answers both correctly ☐ 1 - Answers one correctly	☐ 2 - Both incorrect
1.c. Ask patient to open and close eyes; make fist and let go:	☐ 0 - Obeys both correctly ☐ 1 - Obeys one correctly ☐ 2 - Both incorrect	
2. Best gaze (horizontal eye movement):	☐ 0 - Normal ☐ 1 - Partial gaze palsy	☐ 2 - Forced deviation
3. Visual field testing:	☐ 0 - No visual field loss ☐ 1 - Partial hemianopia	☐ 2 - Complete hemianopia ☐ 3 - Bilateral hemianopia (blind including cortical blindness)
4. Facial paresis (Ask patient to show teeth or raise eyebrows and close eyes tightly):	☐ 0 - Normal symmetrical movement ☐ 1 - Minor paralysis (flattened nasolabial fold. asymmetry on smiling) ☐ 2 - Partial paralysis (total or near paralysis of lower face) ☐ 3 - Complete paralysis of one or both sides (absence of facial movement in the upper and lower face)	
5. Motor function - right arm:	☐ 0 - Normal (extends arm 90 (or 45) degrees for 10 seconds without drift ☐ 1 - Drift ☐ 2 - Some effort against gravity	☐ 3 - No effort against gravity ☐ 4 - No movement ☐ 9 - Untestable (Joint fused or limb amputated)
5. Motor function - left arm:	☐ 0 - Normal (extends arm 90 (or 45) degrees for 10 seconds without drift ☐ 1 - Drift ☐ 2 - Some effort against gravity	☐ 3 - No effort against gravity ☐ 4 - No movement ☐ 9 - Untestable (Joint fused or limb amputated)
6. Motor function - right leg:	☐ 0 - Normal (extends arm 90 (or 45) degrees for 10 seconds without drift ☐ 1 - Drift ☐ 2 - Some effort against gravity	☐ 3 - No effort against gravity ☐ 4 - No movement ☐ 9 - Untestable (Joint fused or limb amputated)
6. Motor function - left leg:	☐ 0 - Normal (extends arm 90 (or 45) degrees for 10 seconds without drift ☐ 1 - Drift ☐ 2 - Some effort against gravity	☐ 3 - No effort against gravity ☐ 4 - No movement ☐ 9 - Untestable (Joint fused or limb amputated)
7. Limb ataxia:	☐ 0 - No ataxia ☐ 1 - Present in one limb	☐ 2 - Present in two limbs ☐ 9 - Untestable (Joint fused or limb amputated)
8. Sensory (Use pinprick to test arms, legs, trunk and face - compare side to side):	☐ 0 - Normal ☐ 1 - Mild to moderate decrease in sensation ☐ 2 - Severe to total sensory loss	
9. Best language (describe picture, name items, read sentences):	☐ 0 - No aphasia ☐ 1 - Mild to moderate aphasia	☐ 2 - Severe aphasia ☐ 3 - Mute
10. Dysarthria (read several words):	☐ 0 - Normal articulation ☐ 1 - Mild to moderate slurring of words	☐ 2 - Near unintelligible or unable to speak ☐ 9 - Intubated or other physical barrier
11. Extinction and inattention:	☐ 0 - Normal ☐ 1 - Inattention or extinction to bilateral simultaneous in one of the sensory modalities ☐ 2 - Severe hemi-inattention or hemi-inattention to more than one modality	

Signature_____ Date _____ Time _____

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