NIH Stroke Scale at Ini	tial Evaluation		
1.a. Level of	O 0-Alert		
consciousness:	O 1-Not alert, but arousable with minimal stimulation		
	O 2-Not alert, requires repeat stimulation to attend		
	O 3-Coma		
1.b. Ask patient the	O 0-Answers both correctly		
month and their age:	O 1-Answers one correctly		
0	O 2-Both incorrect		
1.c. Ask patient to	O 0-Obeys both correctly		
open and close eyes;	O 1-Obeys one correctly		
make fist and let go:	O 2-Both incorrect		
2. Best gaze	O 0-Normal		
(horizontal eye	O 1-Partial gaze palsy		
movement):	O 2-Forced deviation		
3. Visual field testing:	O 0-No visual field loss		
······································	O 1-Partial hemianopia		
	O 2-Complete hemianopia		
	O 3-Bilateral hemianopia (blind including cortical blindness)		
4. Facial paresis (Ask	O 0-Normal symmetrical movement		
patient to show teeth	O 1-Minor paralysis (flattened nasolabial fold, asymmetry on smiling)		
or raise eyebrows and	O 2-Partial paralysis (total or near paralysis of lower face)		
close eyes tightly):	O 3-Complete paralysis of one or both sides (absence of facial movement in the upper and lower face)		
51. Motor function-left	O 0-Normal (extends arm 90 (or 45) degrees for 10	O 3-No effort against gravity	
arm:	seconds without drift)	O 4-No movement	
	0 1-Drift	O U-Untestable (Joint fused or limb amputated)	
	O 2-Some effort against gravity		
5r. Motor function-	O 0-Normal (extends arm 90 (or 45) degrees for 10	O 3-No effort against gravity	
right arm:	seconds without drift)	O 4-No movement	
C	0 1-Drift	O U-Untestable (Joint fused or limb amputated)	
	O 2-Some effort against gravity		
61. Motor function-left	O 0-Normal (extends leg 30 degrees for 5 seconds without	O 3-No effort against gravity	
leg:	drift)	O 4-No movement	
	O 1-Drift	O U-Untestable (Joint fused or limb amputated)	
	O 2-Some effort against gravity		
6r. Motor function-	O 0-Normal (extends leg 30 degrees for 5 seconds without	O 3-No effort against gravity	
right leg:	drift)	O 4-No movement	
	O 1-Drift	O U-Untestable (Joint fused or limb amputated)	
	O 2-Some effort against gravity		
7. Limb ataxia:	O 0-No ataxia	O 2-Present in two limbs	
	O 1-Present in one limb	O U-Untestable (Joint fused or limb amputated)	
8. Sensory (Use	O 0-Normal		
pinprick to test arms,	O 1-Mild to moderate decrease in sensation		
legs, trunk and face-	O 2-Severe to total sensory loss		
compare side to side):	0 0 No enhacio		
9. Best language (describe picture,	O 0-No aphasia O 1-Mild to moderate aphasia		
name items, read	•		
sentences):	O 2-Severe aphasia O 3-Mute		
10. Dysarthria (read			
several words):	O 0-Normal articulation		
	O 1-Mild to moderate slurring of words		
	O 2-Near unintelligible or unable to speak		
11. Extinction and	O U-Intubated or other physical barrier		
inattention:	O 0-Normal		
	O 1-Inattention or extinction to bilateral simultaneous in one of the sensory modalities O 2-Severe hemi-inattention or hemi-inattention to more than one modality		
	U 2-severe nemi-mattention of nemi-mattention to more than one modality		

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