

# Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS)

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EYE-OPENING RESPONSE	SCORE
Spontaneously	4
To speech	3
To pain	2
None	1
BEST VERBAL RESPONSE	SCORE
Oriented	5
Confused	4
Inappropriate words	3
Incomprehensible sounds	2
None	1
BEST MOTOR RESPONSE	SCORE
Obeys commands	6
Localizes to pain	5
Flexion/withdrawal	4
Abnormal flexion to pain	3
Extension to pain	2
None	1

# GCS:Eye Opening Response

Glasgow Coma Scale		Date (YY/MM/DD)			
		Time			
<u>Eye Opening</u> eyes closed by swelling = C	<b>BEST RESPONSE</b>	Eye Opening	4	Spontaneously	
			3	To speech	
			2	To pain	
			1	None	
<u>Verbal:</u> Endotracheal tube or tracheostomy = T	<b>BEST RESPONSE</b>	Verbal	5	Orientated	
			4	Confused	
			3	Inappropriate words	
			2	Incomprehensible sounds	
			1	None	
<u>Motor:</u> Record the Best Arm Response	<b>BEST RESPONSE</b>	Motor	6	Obey commands	
			5	Localize pain	
			4	Withdrawal from Pain	
			3	Flexion to pain	
			2	Extension to pain	
			1	None	

# GCS: BEST Verbal Response

Glasgow Coma Scale		Date (YY/MM/DD)			
		Time			
<u>Eye Opening</u> eyes closed by swelling = C	<b>B</b>	Eye Opening	4	Spontaneously	
			3	To speech	
			2	To pain	
			1	None	
<u>Verbal:</u> Endotracheal tube or tracheostomy = T	<b>E</b>	Verbal	5	Orientated	
			4	Confused	
			3	Inappropriate words	
			2	Incomprehensible sounds	
			1	None	
<u>Motor:</u> Record the Best Arm Response	<b>R</b>	Motor	6	Obey commands	
			5	Localize pain	
			4	Withdrawal from Pain	
			3	Flexion to pain	
			2	Extension to pain	
			1	None	
	<b>S</b>				
	<b>P</b>				
	<b>O</b>				
	<b>N</b>				
	<b>S</b>				
	<b>E</b>				

## Oriented:

The patient answers all of the following correctly:

- ☐ who he/she is (person)
- ☐ where he/she is (place)
- ☐ the month and year (time)

# GCS: BEST Motor Response

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		Time				
<u>Eye Opening</u> eyes closed by swelling = C	<b>BEST RESPONSE</b>	Eye Opening	4	Spontaneously		
			3	To speech		
			2	To pain		
			1	None		
<u>Verbal:</u> Endotracheal tube or tracheostomy = T		Verbal	5	Orientated		
			4	Confused		
			3	Inappropriate words		
			2	Incomprehensible sounds		
			1	None		
<u>Motor:</u> Record the Best Arm Response		Motor	6	Obey commands		
			5	Localize pain		
			4	Withdrawal from Pain		
			3	Flexion to pain		
			2	Extension to pain		
			1	None		

- ☐ Best response is documented
- ☐ If patient is localizing spontaneously do NOT use painful stimuli
- ☐ If not obeying commands, place with arms in neutral position and remove any restraints before proceeding
- ☐ If necessary, use central pain to avoid eliciting spinal reflex

New:

- ☐ 4-Normal flexion
- ☐ 3-Abnormal flexion

# GCS: BEST Motor Response

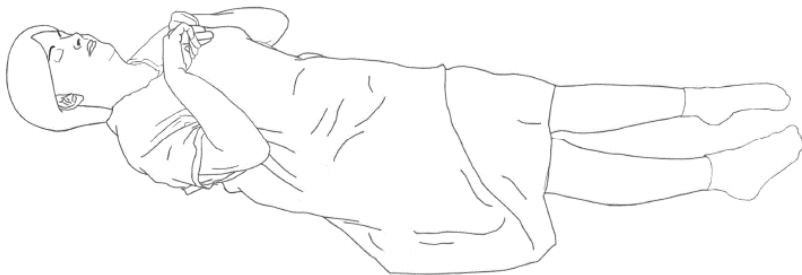
5-Localizes pain



4-Normal flexion



3-Abnormal  
flexion



2-Extension

