

Calculates the NIH Stroke Scale for

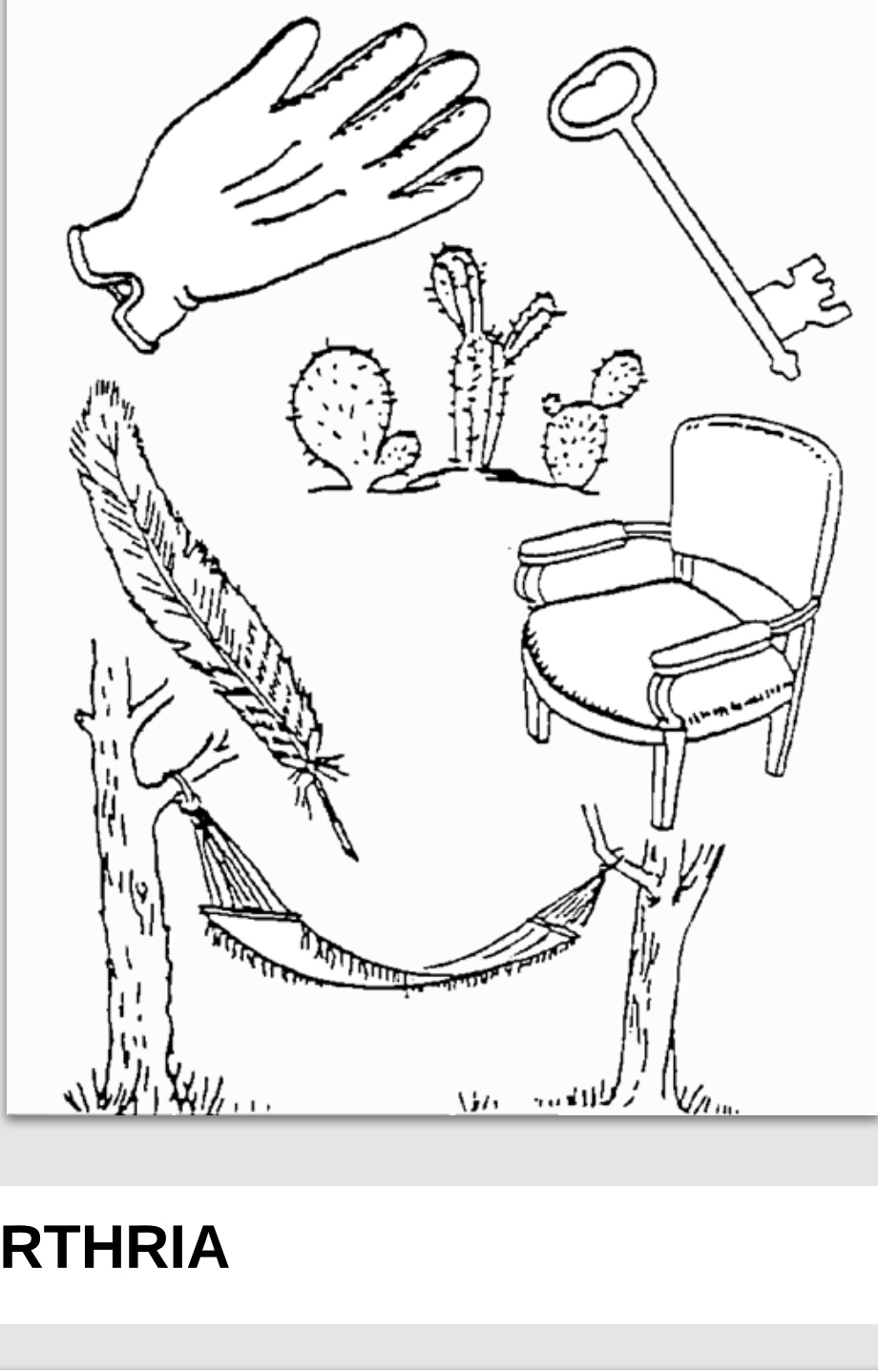
quantifying stroke severity

LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS	Alert	0	
	Arouses to minor stimulation	+1	
	Repeated stimulation to arouse	+2	
	Postures / Unresponsive	+3	
ORIENTATION Month and Age	Both questions correct	0	
	1 question correct	+1	
	0 questions correct	+2	
FOLLOW COMMANDS Blink eyes + Squeeze hands	Performs both tasks	0	
	Performs 1 task	+1	
	Performs 0 task	+2	
BEST GAZE Eyes open and follow examiners finger	Normal	0	
	Partial gaze palsy	+1	
	Forced deviation	+2	
VISUAL FIELDS	No visual field loss	0	
	Partial Hemianopia	+1	
	Complete Hemianopia	+2	
	Blind	+3	
FACIAL PARESIS Show teeth Raise eyebrows Squeeze eyes shut	Normal	0	
	Minor	+1	
	Partial	+2	
	Complete	+3	
MOTOR POWER ARMS Elevate arm to 90° if sitting / 45° if supine		R	L
	No drift	0	0
	Drift	+1	+1
	Can't resist gravity	+2	+2
	No effort against gravity	+3	+3
	No movement	+4	+4
Amputation / Joint fusion	X	X	
MOTOR POWER LEGS Elevate leg to 3 with patient supine		R	L
	No drift	0	0
	Drift	+1	+1
	Can't resist gravity	+2	+2
	No effort against gravity	+3	+3
	No movement	+4	+4
Amputation / Joint fusion	X	X	
LIMB ATAXIA Finger to nose Heel down shin	No ataxia	0	
	Present in one limb	+1	
	Present in two limbs	+2	
SENSORY Pin prick to face, arm, trunk, leg - compare sides	Normal	0	
	Partial lose	+1	
	Severe loss	+2	
BEST LANGUAGE Name item, describe a picture, read a sentence (see below)	No aphasia	0	
	Mild to moderate aphasia	+1	
	Severe aphasia	+2	
	Mute	+3	
DYSARTHRIA Evaluate speech clarity by patient repeating listed words (see below)	Normal articulation	0	
	Mild to moderate slurring	+1	
	Near unintelligable / Worse	+2	
	Intubated / Physical barrier	X	
EXTINCTION INATTENTION	No neglect	0	
	Partial neglect	+1	
	Complete neglect	+2	

BEST LANGUAGE



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.



DYSARTHRIA

MAMA  
TIP - TOP  
FIFTY - FIFTY  
THANKS  
HUCKLEBERRY  
BASEBALL PLAYER

SCORE 0 → NO STROKE SYMPTOMS

SCORE 1-4 → MINOR STROKE

SCORE 5-15 → MODERATE STROKE

SCORE 16-20 → MODERATE - SEVERE STROKE

SCORE 21-42 → SEVERE STROKE