

**Table 1. Charlson Comorbidity Index Scoring System**

Score	Condition
1	Myocardial infarction (history, not ECG changes only) Congestive heart failure Peripheral vascular disease (includes aortic aneurysm $\geq 6$ cm) Cerebrovascular disease: CVA with mild or no residua or TIA Dementia Chronic pulmonary disease Connective tissue disease Peptic ulcer disease Mild liver disease (without portal hypertension, includes chronic hepatitis) Diabetes without end-organ damage (excludes diet-controlled alone)
2	Hemiplegia Moderate or severe renal disease Diabetes with end-organ damage (retinopathy, neuropathy, nephropathy, or brittle diabetes) Tumor without metastases (exclude if $>5$ y from diagnosis) Leukemia (acute or chronic) Lymphoma
3	Moderate or severe liver disease
6	Metastatic solid tumor AIDS (not just HIV positive)

NOTE. For each decade  $> 40$  years of age, a score of 1 is added to the above score.

Abbreviations: ECG, electrocardiogram; CVA, cerebrovascular accident; TIA, transient ischemic attack; AIDS, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome; HIV, human immunodeficiency virus.