

Glasgow Coma Scale

The Glasgow Coma Scale rates a patient's ability to open his/her eyes, respond to verbal commands and verbal responses. Each level of response indicates the degree of brain injury.

Eyes	Score
Open spontaneously	4
Open to verbal command	3
Open to pain	2
No response	1

Best motor response to a verbal command

Obeys verbal command	6
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Best motor response to painful stimulus

Localizes pain	5
Flexion • withdrawal	4
Flexion • abnormal	3
Extension	2
No response	1

Best verbal response

Oriented and converses	5
Disoriented and converses	4
Inappropriate words	3
Incomprehensible sounds	2
No response	1

The lowest score is a 3 and indicates no response from the patient. A person who is alert and oriented would be rated at 15.