

GLASGOW COMA SCALE

(attachment 1)

Adults and children

EYE OPENING	Spontaneous	4
	To Voice	3
	To Pain	2
	None	1
BEST VERBAL RESPONSE	Oriented	5
	Confused	4
	Inappropriate words	3
	Incomprehensible words	2
	None	1
BEST MOTOR RESPONSE	Obeys commands	6
	Localizes pain	5
	Withdraws pain	4
	Flexion	3
	Extension	2

Infant and Toddler

EYE OPENING	Spontaneous	4
	To voice	3
	To pain	2
	None	1
BEST VERBAL RESPONSE	Smiles, interacts	5
	Consolable	4
	Cries to pain	3
	Moans to pain	2
	None	1
BEST MOTOR RESPONSE	Normal movement	6
	Localizes pain	5
	Withdraws pain	4
	Flexion	3
	Extension	2
	None	1

The Glasgow Coma Scale is determined by assessing the patient in each category and adding the scores together. The BEST response in each category is used to determine the total score (all 3 categories). In patients who are intoxicated or who have signs of hypotension and shock, the GCS may not be an accurate reflection of intracranial injury.