

Neuro Checks Nursing Assessment

PATIENT INFORMATION

Patient name: _____ Date of birth: _____ dd / mm / yyyy
 Gender: _____ Date of assessment: _____ dd / mm / yyyy
 Room number: _____ Assessor: _____

CHIEF COMPLAINT

Chief complaint

Are you experiencing any current neurological concerns such as headache, dizziness, weakness, numbness, tingling, tremors, loss of balance, or decreased coordination?

Have you ever experienced a neurological condition such as a stroke, transient ischemic attack, seizure, or head injury? Please describe.

Are you currently taking any medications, herbs, or supplements for a neurological condition? Please indicate.

Have you experienced any difficulty swallowing or speaking?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you experienced any recent falls?

☐ Yes ☐ No

MENTAL STATUS

Select one

☐ Responsive ☐ Oriented to person, place, and time

Glasgow Coma Scale score: _____ NIH Stroke Scale score: _____

Does the person have a sudden loss of balance?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Has the person lost vision in one or both eyes?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Does the person's face look uneven?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is one arm weak or numb?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Is the person's speech slurred? Are they having trouble speaking or seem confused?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Time to call for assistance immediately

☐ Yes ☐ No

Remarks

CRANIAL NERVES (ASSESS THE FUNCTIONING OF THE PATIENT'S CRANIAL NERVES)

Cranial nerve I – Olfactory

Cranial nerve II – Optic

Cranial nerve III, IV, and VI – Oculomotor, trochlear, abducens

Cranial nerve V – Trigeminal

Cranial nerve VII – Facial nerve

Cranial nerve VIII – Vestibulocochlear

Cranial nerve IX – Glossopharyngeal

Cranial nerve X – Vagus

Cranial nerve XI – Spinal accessory

Cranial nerve XII – Hypoglossal

MOTOR STRENGTH AND FUNCTION

Check all that apply

- ☐ Good balance
- ☐ Negative Romberg test
- ☐ Finger-to-nose, rapid alternating arm movements, and heel-to-shin performance intact
- ☐ Motor strength in upper and lower extremities equal bilaterally
- ☐ Deep tendon reflexes intact

Remarks

SENSORY FUNCTION

Dermatome testing

Stereognosis

Graphesthesia

Remarks

BEHAVIOR CHANGES

Select one

- ☐ None
- ☐ Agitation
- ☐ Confusion
- ☐ Other

Remarks

Critical findings to report immediately and/or obtain emergency assistance

Additional notes