

### Handout 3. Glasgow Coma Scale, on reverse side.

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# Glasgow Coma Scale (sources on reverse)

<b>Eye opening</b>	
Spontaneous	4
To speech	3
To pain	2
None	1
<b>Best verbal response</b>	
Oriented , can converse	
Confused conversation	4
Inappropriate words	3
Incomprehensible sounds	2
None	1
<b>Best motor response</b> (“motor” means movement response)	
Obeys verbal commands	6
Localizes to pain	5
Withdrawal from pain or unpleasant stimuli (normal flexion)	4
Abnormal flexion to pain or unpleasant stimuli (decorticate – indicates little response from cortical areas)	3
Extension to pain or unpleasant stimuli (decerebrate – indicates little response from more brain areas)	2
None	1