

HUNT & HESS SCALE

Stroke Program



Patient Name: _____

Patient Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / _____

Hospital: _____

Rater Name: _____

Date of Exam: _____

For non-traumatic sub-arachnoid hemorrhage patients.

(Choose single most appropriate grade.)

Description	Grade
Asymptomatic, mild headache, slight nuchal rigidity	1
Moderate to severe headache, nuchal rigidity, no neurologic deficit other than cranial nerve palsy	2
Drowsiness / confusion, mild focal neurologic deficit	3
Stupor, moderate-severe hemiparesis	4
Coma, decerebrate posturing	5

GRADE (1-5): _____

In no circumstances should acquisition of these items delay the transfer of the patient. Urgent transfer minimizing time to presentation is an absolute priority.

References

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