Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS)

Level of consciousness · eye, verbal and motor response · 3 to 15 points

Eye opening (E)

4	Spontaneous
3	To verbal command
2	To pain
1	None

Verbal response (V)

5	Oriented
4	Confused
3	Inappropriate words
2	Incomprehensible sounds
1	None

Motor response (M)

6	Obeys commands
5	Localizes pain
4	Withdraws from pain
3	Abnormal flexion (decorticate)
2	Extension (decerebrate)
1	None

13 - 15	9 - 12	3 - 8
Mild head injury	Moderate	Severe (coma)

GCS = E + V + M, from 3 to 15 · GCS ≤ 8: coma, consider securing the airway