Hunt and Hess Scale

Clinical severity of subarachnoid hemorrhage · grades I to V

I — **Asymptomatic or mild headache**

II — **Severe headache, neck stiffness**
(no deficit except cranial nerve palsy)

III — **Drowsiness or confusion, mild focal deficit**

IV — **Stupor, moderate to severe hemiparesis**

V — **Coma, decerebrate posturing**

Higher grade
Higher mortality, worse prognosis

Not Fisher
Fisher grades the blood on CT; Hunt and Hess, the clinical picture

A clinical scale: for the amount of blood on CT, use the Fisher scale