NIH Stroke Scale (NIHSS)

Severity of acute stroke · 11 items · 0 to 42

1a	Level of consciousness	0-3
1b	Questions (month and age)	0-2
1c	Commands (open eyes, close hand)	0-2
2	Conjugate gaze	0-2
3	Visual fields	0-3
4	Facial palsy	0-3
5	Motor arm (each side)	0-4
6	Motor leg (each side)	0-4
7	Limb ataxia	0-2
8	Sensory	0-2
9	Language (aphasia)	0-3
10	Dysarthria	0-2
11	Extinction and inattention	0-2

0	1 - 4	5 - 15	16 - 20	21 - 42
No deficit	Mild stroke	Moderate	Moderate to severe	Severe

About 6 or more with a large-vessel occlusion points to thrombectomy · left-sided strokes score higher