

Glasgow Coma Scale total score N[N]

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Value Domain
METEOR identifier:	320708
Registration status:	Health , Recorded 14/07/2006
Definition:	The number representing the total score on the Glasgow Coma Scale.

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total				
Data type:	Number				
Format:	N[N]				
Maximum character length:	2				
Supplementary values:	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>99</td><td>Not stated/inadequately described</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	99	Not stated/inadequately described
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Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: The **Glasgow Coma Scale** (GCS) is a neurological scale that aims to give a reliable, objective way of recording the conscious state of a person for initial as well as subsequent assessment.

The table below explains the different components of the GCS and the scores associated.

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Eye	Does not open eyes	Opens eyes in response to painful stimuli	Opens eyes in response to voice	Opens eyes spontaneously	N/A	N/A
Verbal	Makes no sounds	Incomprehensible sounds	Utters inappropriate words	Confused, disoriented	Oriented, converses normally	N/A
Motor	Makes no movements	Extension to painful stimuli	Abnormal flexion to painful stimuli	Flexion/Withdrawal to painful stimuli	Localises painful stimuli	Obeys commands

The scale comprises three tests: eye, verbal and motor responses. The three values separately as well as their total are considered. The lowest possible GCS (the total) is 3 (deep coma or death), while the highest is 15 (fully awake person).

Reference: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glasgow_Coma_Scale

Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation: ANZICS Database Management Committee

Relational attributes

Data elements
implementing this value
domain:

[Person—coma status, Glasgow coma scale code N\[N\]](#)
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