

# RACE Stroke Assessment Tool

## FACIAL PALSY – weakness on one side of the face with smile.

- Absent = 0
- Mild (some facial movement) = 1
- Moderate to Severe (little to no facial movement) = 2



SCORE

## ARM MOTOR FUNCTION – the same test as Cincinnati and Los Angeles scales.

- Normal to Mild = 0
- Moderate (able to lift arm, but unable to hold it for 10 seconds) = 1
- Severe (unable to raise arm) = 2



SCORE

## LEG MOTOR FUNCTION – ask the patient to lift each leg.

- Normal to Mild (able to lift leg and hold for five seconds) = 0
- Moderate (able to lift leg, but unable to hold it for five seconds) = 1
- Severe (unable to lift one leg off of bed at all) = 2



SCORE

## HEAD AND GAZE DEVIATION – if the patient’s head or eyes are towards one side, ask them to look towards the other side.

- Absent = 0
- Present (unable to shift gaze past midline) = 1



SCORE

**If a left-side deficit is found**, check for agnosia (an inability to process sensory information). Touch their arm and ask “whose arm is this?” Then ask them if they can raise their hands and clap.

- Patient recognizes his/her arm and their inability to clap = 0
- Patient does not recognize his/her arm; **OR** does not recognize their inability to clap = 1
- Does not recognize his/her arm; **AND** does not recognize their inability to clap = 2 (issues with both)

**OR**

**If a right-side deficit is found**, check for aphasia (inability to say or understand spoken words). Ask the patient to close their eyes and make a fist.

- Performs both tasks correctly = 0
- Performs 1 task correctly = 1
- Performs neither task = 2

SCORE



## Total RACE Stroke Score

If 5 or greater, transport patient to nearest comprehensive stroke center.



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