

Web-only Appendix 2

Glasgow Coma Scale.

<i>Eye response-</i>	open spontaneously	4
	open to command	3
	open to pain	2
	no response	1
<i>Verbal response</i>	talking and orientated	5
	Confused/disorientated	4
	inappropriate words	3
	incomprehensible sounds	2
	no response	1
<i>Motor response</i>	obeys commands	6
	localises pain	5
	flexion/withdrawal	4
	abnormal flexion	3
	extension	2
	no response	1

It is good practice to record the parts of the individual's score separately; for example (E2,V3,M5) would indicate a patient whose eyes open to pain, is saying inappropriate words and is localising to pain, total score 10/15.

Paediatric modification

In infants and toddlers the verbal response is modified.

<i>Verbal response</i>	appropriate words of smile, follows objects interacts	5
	cries but is consolable	4
	persistently irritable	3
	restless, agitated	2
	no response	1