

## Glasgow Coma Scale

The Glasgow Coma Scale provides a score in the range 3-15; patients with scores of 3-8 are usually said to be in a coma. The total score is the sum of the scores in three categories. For adults the scores are as follows:

<b>Eye Opening Response</b>	Spontaneous--open with blinking at baseline	4 points
	Opens to verbal command, speech, or shout	3 points
	Opens to pain, not applied to face	2 points
	None	1 point
<b>Verbal Response</b>	Oriented	5 points
	Confused conversation, but able to answer questions	4 points
	Inappropriate responses, words discernible	3 points
	Incomprehensible speech	2 points
	None	1 point
<b>Motor Response</b>	Obeys commands for movement	6 points
	Purposeful movement to painful stimulus	5 points
	Withdraws from pain	4 points
	Abnormal (spastic) flexion, decorticate posture	3 points
	Extensor (rigid) response, decerebrate posture	2 points
	None	1 point

For children under 5, the verbal response criteria are adjusted as follow

<b>SCORE</b>	<b>2 to 5 YRS</b>	<b>0 TO 23 Mos.</b>
5	Appropriate words or phrases	Smiles or coos appropriately
4	Inappropriate words	Cries and consolable
3	Persistent cries and/or screams	Persistent inappropriate crying &/or screaming
2	Grunts	Grunts or is agitated or restless
1	No response	No response