

Person—verbal response to stimuli, Glasgow coma scale intubated airway code N

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Glasgow coma scale (verbal (intubated airway) component)
METEOR identifier:	320460
Registration status:	Health! , Recorded 14/07/2006
Definition:	An assessment of neurological impairment based on person's ability to verbally respond (with an intubated airway) to stimuli, as represented by a code for the verbal intubated airway component of the total Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS).
Data Element Concept:	Person—verbal response to stimuli
Value Domain:	Glasgow coma scale verbal score code for intubated airway N

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Code
Data type:	Number
Format:	N
Maximum character length:	1

	Value	Meaning
Permissible values:	1	Generally unresponsive
	3	Ability to converse in doubt
	5	Appears orientated
Supplementary values:	9	Not stated/inadequately described

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use:	A verbal component of less than 1 or greater than 5 is set to Code 9, Not stated/inadequately described.
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Source and reference attributes

Submitting organisation:	ANZICS Database Management Committee
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Relational attributes

Related metadata references:	Is used in the formation of Person—coma status, Glasgow coma scale code N[N] Health! , Recorded 14/07/2006
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DSS specific information:

Used to calculate the Total Glasgow Coma score which is required for the calculation of the APACHE II, APACHE III and SAPS II scores.

Used in the calculation of the APACHE III score as a unique value.

The Glasgow coma score is recorded periodically in the first 24 hours of intensive care. The lowest score in that period is the significant value.

Glasgow Coma Scale needs to be assessed when the person is free from the effects of sedative and / or paralyzing or neuromuscular blocking agents. A paralysed or sedated patient is unscorable and GCS should therefore be determined from pre-anaesthetic GCS for elective and emergency surgery. In cases of transfers and retrievals, this information should be sourced from a clear medical/para-medical assessment prior to intubation for stabilisation / transfer. This may be found in the admission note, transfer notes, emergency department notes, ambulance record or referral letter.

Patients with Intensive care diagnosis of drug overdose should have a Glasgow coma score determined.