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

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Glasgow coma scale (verbal component score) |
| METEOR identifier: | 323395 |
| Registration status: | [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Recorded 14/07/2006 |
| Definition: | An assessment of a person's neurological impairment based on their verbal response to stimuli, as represented by the verbal component of the total Glasgow coma scale (GCS). |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—verbal response to stimuli](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/341952) |
| Value Domain: | [Glasgow coma scale verbal score code N](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/323387) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Code | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N | |
| Maximum character length: | 1 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Permissible values: | 1 | No response |
|  | 2 | Incomprehensible sounds |
|  | 3 | Inappropriate words |
|  | 4 | Confused |
|  | 5 | Orientated |
| Supplementary values: | 9 | Not stated/inadequately described |



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| 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.  Following is additional information for codes used:  2.     Incomprehensible sounds (No words... only sounds)  3.     Inappropriate words (Words, but not coherent)  4.     Confused (Disoriented conversation)  5.     Oriented (normal conversation) |
| Collection methods: | The verbal component of the lowest total score for Glasgow Coma Scale in the first 24 hours of intensive care is recorded as a code 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5. The codes represent the degree of verbal response of the patient with 1 being worst (No response) and 5 being best (Oriented). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | ANZICS Database Management Committee |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Is used in the formation of [Person—coma status, Glasgow coma scale code N[N]](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/320710)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Recorded 14/07/2006 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Intensive care DSS](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/content/316130)  [Health!](https://meteor-uat.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/14), Recorded 14/07/2006  ***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 paralysing 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. |