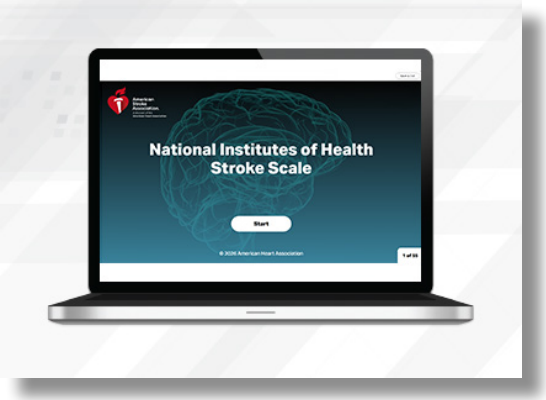
NIH Stroke Scale eLearning Course

The NIH Stroke Scale (NIHSS) is a critical component of acute stroke assessment. The American Stroke Association has developed the **National Institutes of Health (NIH) Stroke Scale eLearning** course for healthcare professionals to learn or review how to administer the NIH Stroke Scale for acute stroke assessment. This course has been updated to reflect changes made to the NIH Stroke Scale in 2024 featuring new visual stimuli to be used in the assessment of a patient with suspected stroke.



WHO SHOULD TAKE THE COURSE?

The NIH Stroke Scale eLearning course is appropriate for healthcare professionals who need to assess and document neurological deficits in acute stroke patients including:

- **Physicians,** including neurologists, intensivists, and emergency medicine physicians
- **Advanced Practice Providers,** including nurse practitioners and clinical nurse specialists
- **Nurses** involved in rapid response, critical care, neurology, stroke, and emergency care
- **Stroke team members and stroke program leaders,** such as stroke coordinators, quality leaders, and rehabilitation professionals
- **Emergency Medical Services (EMS) professionals,** including paramedics and prehospital stroke care providers
- **Medical students, nursing students, residents, and fellows** specializing in neurology, emergency medicine, critical care, or related fields

NEW COURSE FEATURES

- Experience a fully redesigned eLearning course featuring video cases with both real and simulated patients, bringing stroke assessment to life through realistic clinical scenarios.
- Earn a certificate of completion valid for one year, demonstrating ongoing competency and commitment to excellence in stroke care.
- Expand your expertise with an optional pediatric stroke case, designed to strengthen assessment skills across patient populations.
- Advance your professional development with continuing education credits available upon successful course completion.
- Learn anytime, anywhere through a flexible online format that enables healthcare professionals to revisit course content, refresh their knowledge, and maintain confidence in administering the NIH Stroke Scale.

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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants will learn how to:

- Identify the purpose of the NIH Stroke Scale
- Identify benefits and limitations of the NIH Stroke Scale
- Identify and assess neurological deficits in stroke patients
- Describe the measurement scale for qualifying neurological deficits in stroke patients
- Apply appropriate scores for neurological deficits in stroke patients
- Describe how the NIHSS should be applied during a telestroke visit
- Identify how total scores correlate to stroke severity

CONTINUING EDUCATION

AMA Credit Designation Statement - Physicians
The American Heart Association designates this activity for a maximum of 2.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

AAPA Credit Acceptance Statement – Physician Associates
AAPA accepts certificates of participation for educational activities certified for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ from organizations accredited by ACCME or a recognized state medical society. Physician associates may receive a maximum of 2.25 hours of Category I credit for completing this program.

AANP Credit Acceptance Statement – Nurse Practitioners
American Academy of Nurse Practitioners (AANP) accepts AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ from organizations accredited by the ACCME.

ANCC Credit Designation Statement - Nurses
The maximum number of hours awarded for this CE activity is 2.75 contact hours.

Continuing Education Accreditation – Emergency Medical Services
This continuing education activity is approved by the American Heart Association, an organization accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Pre-Hospital Continuing Education (CAPCE), for 3.00 Basic CEHs, activity number 26-AMHA-F3-0030.

PRICING

NIH Stroke Scale eLearning Course (28-3308): $29.95
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