

## MODULE 5: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH STROKE SCALE (NIHSS)



### Learning Objectives

Upon completion of this module, nurses will be able to:

- Explain why the NIHSS is a useful tool
- Understand how to perform NIHSS
- Demonstrate the proper method to perform a Visual Field Assessment
- Understand NIHSS scoring methods
- Describe how and where to document the scores in the chart
- Describe when to communicate results of NIHSS
- Relate NIHSS scores to patient outcomes
- Access the online NIHSS training program
- Understand the Modified NIHSS (mNIHSS)

The Powerpoint content for this module, **Use of the NIH Stroke Scale**, is available on the Heart and Stroke Foundation website. A direct link can be accessed through [www.swostroke.ca](http://www.swostroke.ca). Please note, a copy may be printed for personal use only.

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