

# Modified Rankin Scale (mRS)

Category: Neurology | Items: 1 | Time: ~1-2 min

## Description / When to Use

Functional outcome after stroke

## Instructions for Respondent

Please read each statement carefully and respond based on how you have felt over the specified time period. There are 1 items in this scale. Estimated completion time: 1-2 min.

## Scale Items

1. Functional grade

## Response Options

0 = 0 — No symptoms | 1 = 1 — No significant disability; able to carry out all usual activities | 2 = 2 — Slight disability; unable to carry out all previous activities, but able to look after own affairs without assistance | 3 = 3 — Moderate disability; requires some help, but able to walk unassisted | 4 = 4 — Moderately severe; unable to walk or attend to bodily needs without assistance | 5 = 5 — Severe disability; bedridden, incontinent, requires constant nursing | 6 = 6 — Dead

## Scoring Guide

Sum all 1 items. Total range 0-6.

## Cutoff Interpretation

Score Range	Severity	Recommended Action
0–2	Good outcome	Good outcome — independent.
3–5	Poor outcome	Poor outcome — disability.
6–6	Dead	Dead.

## Psychometric Properties

See original validation study for reliability and validity data.

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