

POST-STROKE CHECKLIST (PSC): IMPROVING LIFE AFTER STROKE



This Post-Stroke Checklist (PSC) has been developed to help healthcare professionals identify post-stroke problems amenable to treatment and/or referral. The PSC is a brief and easy-to-use tool, intended for completion with the patient and the help of a caregiver, if necessary. PSC administration provides a standardised approach for the identification of long-term problems in stroke survivors and facilitates appropriate referral for treatment.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:

arms, hands, and/or legs?

Please ask the patient each numbered question and indicate the answer in the "response" section. In general, if the response is NO, update the patient record and review at next assessment. If the response is YES, follow-up with the appropriate action. Please note that the actions described in this version are for guidance and the 'If Yes' and 'If No' text boxes (highlighted in vellow) can and should be edited for local implementation

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1. SECONDARY PREVENTION				
Since your stroke or last assessment, have you received any advice on health related life style changes or medications for preventing another stroke?	NO			
	YES	Observe Progress		
2. ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (AD	DL)			
Since your stroke or last assessment, are you finding it more difficult to take care of yourself?	NO	Observe Progress		
	YES	Do you have difficulty dressing, washing and/or bathing? Do you have difficulty preparing hot drinks and/or meals? Do you have difficulty getting outside?		
3. MOBILITY				
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Since your stroke or last assessment, are you finding it <u>more</u> difficult to walk or move safely from bed to chair?	INU	Observe Progress		
	YES	Are you continuing to receive rehabilitation therapy?		
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4. SPASTICITY				
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Since your stroke or last assessment, do you have increasing stiffness in your	NO	Observe Progress		

Is this interfering with activities of

daily living?

5. PAIN				
Since your stroke or last assessment, do you have any <u>new</u> pain?	NO YES	Observe Progress		
6. INCONTINENCE				
Since your stroke or last assessment, are you having <u>more</u> of a problem controlling your bladder or bowels?	NO YES	Observe Progress		
7. COMMUNICATION				
Since your stroke or last assessment, are you finding it more difficult to communicate with others?	NO YES	Observe Progress		
8. MOOD				
Since your stroke or last assessment, do you feel more anxious or depressed?	NO YES	Observe Progress		
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9. COGNITION Since your stroke or last assessment, are you finding it more difficult to think, concentrate, or remember things?	NO	Observe Progress		
	YES	Does this interfere with activity or participation?		
10. LIFE AFTER STROKE				
Since your stroke or last assessment, are you finding things important to you more difficult to carry out (e.g. leisure activities, hobbies, work, as well as relationships with loved ones, where appropriate)?	NO	Observe Progress		
	YES			
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11. RELATIONSHIP WITH FAMILY Since your stroke or last assessment, has your relationship with your family become more difficult or stressed?	NO	Observe Progress		
	YES			