



VCEMS Training Bulletin

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CSS & VES Additional Response

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When performing the CSS & VES for a suspected stroke patient, you may encounter a situation in which you are unable to assess a part of the CSS or VES score.

Currently, your options are entering “Normal” or “abnormal” for parts of the CSS, or a “0-4” when you score the VES. We are adding “Unable to assess” for those patients who cannot perform the assessment. For example, this could be a patient who is unconscious, or a patient who is unable to follow commands such as performing the “arm drift”.

Thank you for your help in documenting appropriately the CSS & VES so we can continue to monitor our stroke patients and improve the care they receive.

ELVO - Obtundation:

Yes	No	Unable to Assess
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