

NIH Stroke Scale Exam Certification

Fact Sheet

National Stroke Association (NSA) provides an NIH Stroke Scale Exam, Scoring and Registration service for medical professionals. The service, as described below, is intended to provide organizations that are interested in NIH Stroke Scale certification for their professionals a means to take the exam and have the exam scored by a neutral third party.

NSA's NIH Stroke Scale Exam, Scoring & Registration

The service includes:

- Proctor Instruction
- Exam transmittal form
- Material references
- Exam in scannable format
- Exam processing within 48 business hours
- Confirmation letter with exam score
- Passing Certificate if applicable
- Registration into NSA's NIH Stroke Scale database

NSA recommends adherence to NIH NINDS guidelines for NIH Stroke Scale examination and scoring. NSA scores the NIH Stroke Scale Exams as documented by the NIH NINDS t-PA Stroke Trial Study Group. NSA instructs individuals who would like to take the exam independently to identify their own proctor for examination purposes.

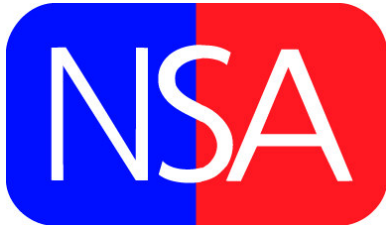
Order Information

The fee for this service is \$25.00 per exam. **All fees must be paid in full prior to exam delivery.** When placing your order, please specify the exact quantity of NIHSS exams you require. To place your order, complete the NIHSS Order Form and fax or mail to:

National Stroke Association
NIHSS department
9707 E. Easter Lane
Englewood, CO 80112
Fax: 303-649-1328

Payment Information

- Payment can be made by credit card, purchase order or check
- Please make checks payable to **National Stroke Association – NIHSS**. Orders will not be processed until payment is received.
- A 10% restocking fee will be applied to returned (unused and in good condition) exams.



NIH Stroke Scale DVDs

NSA does not have the NIH Stroke Scale DVDs available for sale. To order the NIH Stroke Scale DVDs, please contact:

National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)
1-800-352-9424
www.ninds.nih.gov

The two DVD set cost \$50.

The DVD includes:

- Detailed instruction on each scale to teach you how to administer the NIH Stroke Scale
- Two demonstration cases to test your skill
- Three full certification sets of six patients each that allows you to score patients and submit your answers to an accrediting organization for certification
- An introduction and commentary from leading stroke experts that provide insight on the significance of the NIH Stroke Scale

Upon placing your order, you will receive the DVD and some materials. NSA recommends that the Exam Proctor have all of these contents available for easy reference at the time of the exam(s). Pictures may be useful for examinee reference during portions of the exams(s). Exam answers should be kept blinded.

Currently there are no standards in place as to how often an individual needs to re-certify for the NIH Stroke Scale. Hospital and clinical trial organizations determine their own protocol on certification standards. The NINDS t-PA Study Trial Group initially certified their stroke trial investigators with the First Certification Tape (when tapes were available) and re-certified using the Second Certification Tape six months later. Although NSA recommends certification every 6 months, the average re-certification is 1 year.