

Cerner Flash

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NIHSS Scoring for Stroke Patients Inpatient Nursing

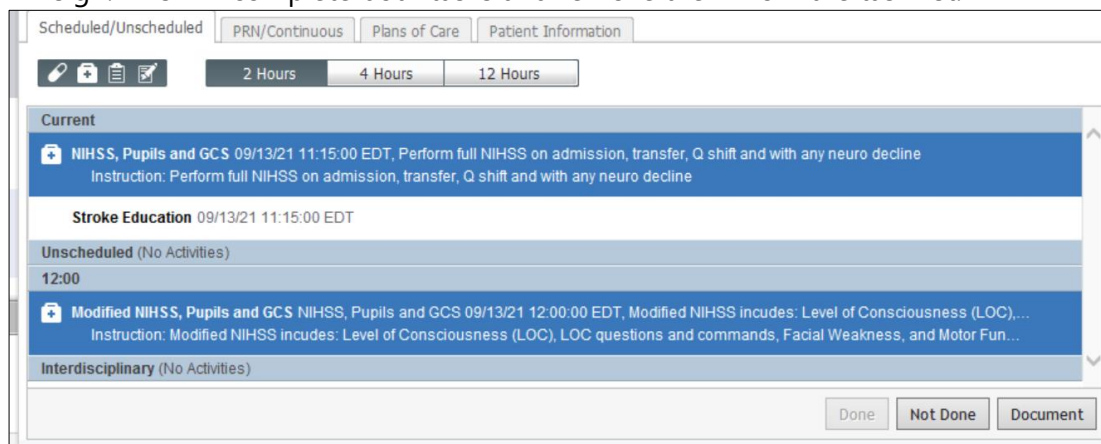
Coming this week, the NEURO Stroke PowerPlans will be updated to better meet stroke regulatory requirements. The impact these updates will have on inpatient nursing is outlined below.

The National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale (NIHSS) orders and tasking will be updated to include both the appropriate scheduled frequency Modified NIHSS and neuro checks, as well as tasking for a full NIHSS every shift (Q 12 hours). A full NIHSS should also be documented on admission, transfer and with any neuro decline which is outlined in the order details.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NIHSS, Pupils and GCS	T;N, Q12H, Perform full NIHSS on admission, transfer, Q shift and with any neuro decline
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Modified NIHSS, Pupils and GCS	T;N, Q4H, Modified NIHSS includes: Level of Consciousness (LOC), LOC questions and commands,

Inpatient nursing will receive tasks for both the modified and full NIHSS. These tasks contain the same charting elements and may occasionally overlap. When these tasks overlap and there is a duplicate landing on the same time frame, there are two options to address this.

- Document the full NIHSS task and mark the modified task as "Not Done" reason: Task Duplication.
- Or select both tasks and click document. When both tasks are selected, document as usual and sign. This will complete both tasks and remove them from the task list.



Note: special instructions in the Modified NIHSS order outline which fields to include when only a modified NIHSS is needed.

As always, the NIHSS can be accessed in iView via the Assessments band and charted at any time it is needed.

