



## CHECK

For factors Interfering with communication, ability to respond and other injuries



## OBSERVE

Eye opening , content of speech and movements of right and left sides



## STIMULATE

Sound: spoken or shouted request  
Physical: Pressure on finger tip, trapezius or supraorbital notch



## RATE

Assign according to highest response observed

### Eye opening

| Criterion                                     | Observed | Rating       | Score |
|---|----------|--------------|-------|
| Open before stimulus                          | ✓        | Spontaneous  | 4     |
| After spoken or shouted request               | ✓        | To sound     | 3     |
| After finger tip stimulus                     | ✓        | To pressure  | 2     |
| No opening at any time, no interfering factor | ✓        | None         | 1     |
| Closed by local factor                        | ✓        | Non testable | NT    |

### Verbal response

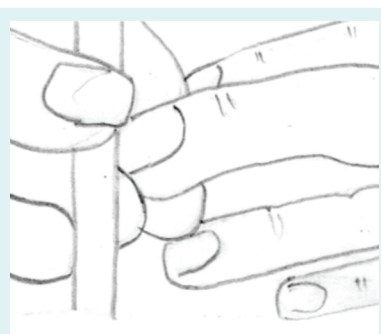
| Criterion                                  | Observed | Rating       | Score |
|--|----------|--------------|-------|
| Correctly gives name, place and date       | ✓        | Orientated   | 5     |
| Not orientated, but communication coherent | ✓        | Confused     | 4     |
| Intelligible single words                  | ✓        | Words        | 3     |
| Only moans / groans                        | ✓        | Sounds       | 2     |
| No audible response, no interfering factor | ✓        | None         | 1     |
| Factor interfering with communication      | ✓        | Non testable | NT    |

### Best motor response

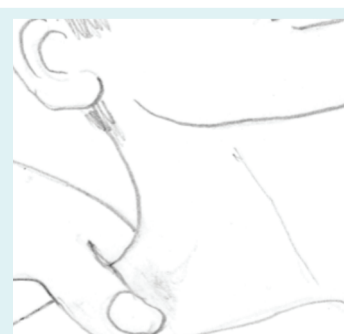
| Criterion  | Observed | Rating           | Score |
|--|----------|------------------|-------|
| Obey 2-part request  | ✓        | Obeys commands   | 6     |
| Brings hand above clavicle to stimulus on head/neck                | ✓        | Localising       | 5     |
| Bends arm at elbow rapidly but features not predominantly abnormal | ✓        | Normal flexion   | 4     |
| Bends arm at elbow, features clearly predominantly abnormal        | ✓        | Abnormal flexion | 3     |
| Extends arm at elbow   | ✓        | Extension        | 2     |
| No movement in arms / legs, no interfering factor                  | ✓        | None             | 1     |
| Paralysed or other limiting factor                                 | ✓        | Non testable     | NT    |

### Sites For Physical Stimulation

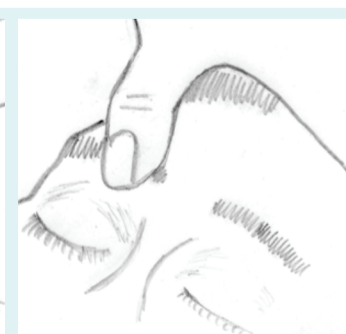
Finger tip pressure



Trapezius Pinch



Supraorbital notch



### Features of Flexion Responses

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#### Abnormal Flexion

Slow Stereotyped  
Arm across chest  
Forearm rotates  
Thumb clenched  
Leg extends



#### Normal flexion

Rapid  
Variable  
Arm away from body