

The Glasgow Outcome Scale (GOS) is a global scale for functional outcome that rates patient status into one of five categories: Dead, Vegetative State, Severe Disability, Moderate Disability or Good Recovery. The Extended GOS (GOSE) provides more detailed categorization into eight categories by subdividing the categories of severe disability, moderate disability and good recovery into a lower and upper category:

Table 1: Extended Glasgow Outcome Scale (GOSE)

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Use of the structured interview is recommended to facilitate consistency in ratings.

# Recommended time for assessment:

	Basic	Intermediate	Advanced
3 months outcome		X	X
6 months outcome	X	X	X
12 months outcome			X

Respondent:

0 = Patient alone

1 = Relative/friend/caretaker alone

2 = Patient plus relative/friend/caretaker

**Consciousness:**

1. Is the head-injured person able to obey simple commands or say any words?

Yes

No (VS)

Note: anyone who shows the ability to obey even simple commands or utter any word or communicate specifically in any other way is no longer considered to be in vegetative state. Eye movements are not reliable evidence of meaningful responsiveness. Corroborate with nursing staff and/or other caretakers. Confirmation of VS requires full assessment.

