Glasgow Outcome Scale Extended (GOSE)

**Availability:**
The Glasgow Outcome Scale-Extended is freely available: [Glasgow Outcome Scale-Extended](#).

**Classification:**
- **Core:** Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI)
- **Supplemental:** Unruptured Cerebral Aneurysms and Subarachnoid Hemorrhage (SAH)

**Short Description of Instrument:**

**Purpose:** The Glasgow Outcome Scale-Extended was developed as a more sensitive instrument to detect small but clinically relevant treatment effects (Weir et al., 2012) in people who sustain acute brain damage from head injury or non-traumatic brain insults. Developed in 1981 (Jennett et al., 1981) the GOSE expanded the Glasgow Outcome Scale from 5 to 8 categories that in addition to assessing the disability or handicap of a person accessed whether the person had gotten better or worse after treatment for their initial insult. Like the GOS, the GOSE is not intended to provide detailed information about the specific difficulties faced by individual patients, but to give a general index of overall outcome.

**Overview:** The GOSE is a revision of the GOS that divides the upper three ratings into upper and lower categories – lower severe disability, upper severe disability, lower moderate disability, upper moderate disability, lower good recovery, upper good recovery.

**Time:** Depending on prior familiarity with the patient, the scale can be completed in as little as 5 minutes.

**Psychometric Properties:** An inter-rater reliability study of the structured interview found the standard format of the GOSE assessment within a written protocol is practical and reliable (Wilson et al., 1998). These scales are very commonly used to predict global outcomes and there is an extensive literature demonstrating reliability and validity for each scale.

**Other Important Notes:** Some have questioned the validity of the GOSE with children; there is an adaptation that can be used with children (Beers et al., 2012).

**Scoring:**

Ratings for the GOSE range from 1 to 8 (Dead to Upper Good Recovery).

The GOSE is generally rated by a clinician or research assistant who is familiar with the patient or who conducts a structured interview to obtain needed information. GOSE ratings are easily recoded to GOS ratings.
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### References:


**Additional References:**