

Cerebral Performance Categories Scale

CPC Scale

Note: If patient is anesthetized, paralyzed, or intubated, use “as is” clinical condition to calculate scores.

CPC 1. Good cerebral performance: conscious, alert, able to work, might have mild neurologic or psychologic deficit.

CPC 2. Moderate cerebral disability: conscious, sufficient cerebral function for independent activities of daily life. Able to work in sheltered environment.

CPC 3. Severe cerebral disability: conscious, dependent on others for daily support because of impaired brain function. Ranges from ambulatory state to severe dementia or paralysis.

CPC 4. Coma or vegetative state: any degree of coma without the presence of all brain death criteria. Unawareness, even if appears awake (vegetative state) without interaction with environment; may have spontaneous eye opening and sleep/awake cycles. Cerebral unresponsiveness.

CPC 5. Brain death: apnea, areflexia, EEG silence, etc.

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