


Modified Rankin Scale (MRS)


The Modified Rankin Scale was originally developed by Rankin J (1957) and has been replicated for use in CIDP, Stiff person syndrome and Susac syndrome in the *Criteria* from Van Swieten et al. (1987). It also appears on the [Stroke Society of Australia](#)  website. The *Criteria* requires the patient's level of disability to be assessed using a scale from 0 to 6 ranging from no symptoms at all to death.

The Modified Rankin Scale from which this scale has been replicated is available on the [Stroke Society of Australia](#)  website at:

- http://www.strokesociety.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=292:modified-rankin-scale-astn&catid=40:astn 

Please note for the conditions paediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections (PANDAS) or paediatric acute neuropsychiatric disorders (PANS), Sjogren's syndrome, AMAE and Rasmussen syndrome the description of disabilities in the Modified Rankin Scale has been adapted given that there is no loss of motor function.

For further information please see the following articles:

- Bonita R, Beaglehole R. Recovery of motor function after stroke. *Stroke* 1988 19(12):1497-1500
- Stroke Society of Australia, The Modified Rankin Scale
http://www.strokesociety.com.au/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=292:modified-rankin-scale-astn&catid=40:astn 
- Rankin J. Cerebral vascular accidents in patients over the age of 60. *Scott Med J* 1957; 2: 200-15
- Van Swieten JC, Koudstaal PJ, Visser MC, Schouten HJ, van Gijn J. Interobserver agreement for the assessment of handicap in stroke patients. *Stroke* 1987. 19(5).604-607