

Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) Disability Score

The Guillain-Barré syndrome (GBS) disability score is a widely accepted scoring system to assess the functional status of patients with GBS. It was originally described in Hughes et al. (1978) and since then, various iterations have appeared in the literature. The adaptation best suited for use in the *Criteria* and BloodSTAR is from van Koningsveld et al (2007). The *Criteria* requires that the patient's level of disability be documented using the scale from 0 to 6 as below.

Guillain-Barré syndrome disability scale

Score	Description
0	A healthy state
1	Minor symptoms and capable of running
2	Able to walk 10m or more without assistance but unable to run
3	Able to walk 10m across an open space with help
4	Bedridden or chairbound
5	Requiring assisted ventilation for at least part of the day
6	Dead

Reproduced from Lancet Neurol 2007, Vol.6, [van Koningsveld R, Steyerberg EW, Hughes RAC, Swan AV, van Doorn PA, Jacobs BC.](#), [A clinical prognostic scoring system for Guillain-Barré syndrome](#) , pp. 589-94, Copyright (2007), with permission from Elsevier."

Lancet special credit - "Reprinted from The Lancet, Vol.2 (8093), Hughes RA, Newsom-Davis JM, Perkin GD, Pierce JM., Hughes RA, Newsom-Davis JM, Perkin GD, Pierce JM. Controlled trial of prednisolone in acute polyneuropathy, pp 750-3, Copyright (1978), with permission from Elsevier.