

Appendix 9

Sedation scoring scales which may be used to aid assessment and documentation of sedation level

Ramsay Scale (RS)	
Level	Response
1	Anxious and agitated or restless
2	Cooperative, orientated and tranquil
3	Responds only to commands
4	Brisk response to light glabellar touch or loud noise
5	Sluggish response to light glabellar touch or loud noise
6	No response to light glabellar touch or loud noise

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Modified Observer's Assessment of Alertness/Sedation (MOAAS) scale	
Level	Response
5	Responds readily to name spoken in normal tone
4	Lethargic response to name spoken in normal tone
3	Responds only after name is called loudly or repeatedly
2	Responds only after mild prodding or shaking
1	Does not respond to mild prodding or shaking
0	Does not respond to pain

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