Glasgow Coma Score (GCS) is a neurological scale that provides an objective way of recording a patient's level of consciousness. Originally developed to assess consciousness after head injury, its use has expanded to other areas of medicine. Originally published in 1974 by Jennet, the score correlates with the outcome of head injury and is part of several scoring systems that predict outcome in severe illness, such as APACHE II, SAPS II, and SOFA.

**General:**
- Consists of E, V, and M (eyes, verbal, motor) components.
- Originally scored out of 14 without differentiation between withdrawal and abnormal flexion.

**Eye responses:**
- 4. Spontaneously
- 3. To speech
- 2. To pain
- 1. None

**Verbal responses:**
- 5. Orientated
- 4. Disorientated
- 3. Inappropriate
- 2. Incomprehensible
- 1. None

**Motor responses:**
- 6. Obeys commands
- 5. Localises (e.g., hand crosses midline or gets above clavicle to supra-orbital pressure)
- 4. Withdraws
- 3. Abnormal flexion (decorticate response)
- 2. Extension (decerebrate response)
- 1. None

**Interpretation:**
- **Severe:** GCS 3-8
- **Moderate:** GCS 9-12
- **Minor:** GCS 13-15

**Pediatric GCS:**
- Limited applicability, especially in children under 36 months, where verbal performance is expected to be poor.
- **Eye responses:**
  - 4. Spontaneously
  - 3. To speech
  - 2. To pain
  - 1. None

- **Verbal responses:**
  - 5. Infant coos or babbles (normal activity)
  - 4. Infant is irritable or cries continually
  - 3. Infant cries to speech
  - 2. Infant moans to pain
  - 1. No verbal response

- **Motor responses:**
  - 6. Infant moves spontaneously or purposefully
  - 5. Infant withdraws from touch
  - 4. Infant withdraws from pain
  - 3. Abnormal flexion to pain
  - 2. Extension to pain
  - 1. No motor response

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  - Consiste of E, V, M (eyes, verbal, motor).
  - Major strengths include consistency between expert and non-expert observers and widespread adoption worldwide.