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# **Time to Follow Commands**

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### **Synonyms**

**TFC** 

### **Definition**

Time to follow commands (TFC) is a means of assessing the duration of impaired consciousness following traumatic brain injury. The term is defined by the duration of time from the onset of traumatic brain injury to the point in time during which a patient can comprehend and accurately follow spoken or written direction or commands. Research demonstrates that this measure may be one of the best predictors of clinical outcome following adult and pediatric traumatic brain injury, over and beyond time to localized motor responses, and initial GCS.

#### **Cross-References**

- **▶** Coma
- ▶ Post-Traumatic Amnesia
- ▶ Post-Traumatic Confusional State

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