Example of head injury observation chart

NAME				
RECORD No.				DATE
				TIME
COMA SCALE	Eyes open	Spontaneously		Eyes closed by swelling = C
		To speech		
		To pain		
		None		
	Best verbal response	Orientated		Endotracheal tube or tracheostomy = T
		Confused		
		Inapproriate words		
		Incomprehensible sounds		
		None		
	Best motor response	Obey commands		Usually record the best arrival response
		Localise pain		
		Flexion to pain		
		Extension to pain		
		None		
Pupil scale (mm)	1	Blood pressure and Pulse rate	240	Temperature °C
			230	40
	2		220	39
			210	38
	3		200	37
			190	36
			180	35
	4		170	34
			160	33
			150	32
	5		140	31
			130	30
			120	
	6		110	
			100	
			90	
	7		80	
			70	
			60	
	8		50	
			40	
			30	
		Respiration	20	
			10	
PUPILS	Right	Size		+ reacts – no reaction c eye closed
		Reaction		
	Left	Size		
		Reaction		
LIMB MOVEMENT	Arms	Normal power		Record right (R) and left (L) separately if there is a difference between the two sides
		Mild weakness		
		Severe weakness		
		Spastic flexion		
		Extension		
		No response		
	Legs	Normal power		
		Mild weakness		
		Severe weakness		
		Extension		
		No response		

In this example, abnormal (level 3) and normal (level 4) flexion are combined