

Center for Neurologic Bulbar Function Scale (CNS-BFS)

Availability:	<p>Please visit this website for more information about the instrument: Center for Neurologic Bulbar Function Scale</p> <p>Please address additional questions regarding availability to: cnsonline@gmail.com</p>
Classification:	Supplemental for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS)
Short Description of Instrument:	<p>The CNS-BFS ,a self report scale , is designed to evaluate and monitor bulbar function in ALS patients. It includes three domains: speech, swallowing and salivation. It was validated using an online patient social network. The nine item scale exhibits strong internal reliability and exhibits high sensitivity and specificity.</p>
Scoring:	<p>Each domain is interrogated with three questions which the subject scores from 1-5, resulting in a range of scores from 9-45. A score of 21 identifies 90% of subjects with bulbar dysfunction at a specificity of .97.</p>
References:	Neurology 76 (March 1, 2011) (Suppl 4), A48-49.