

# VASCULITIS DAMAGE INDEX (VDI)

This is for recording organ damage that has occurred in patients since the onset of vasculitis

Patients often have co-morbidity before they develop vasculitis, **which must not be scored**

Record features of active disease using the Birmingham Vasculitis Activity Score (BVAS)

A new patient should **usually have a VDI score of zero**, unless:

(a) they have had vasculitis for more than three months of onset of disease. **and**

(b) the damage has developed or become worse since the onset of vasculitis

## 1. Musculoskeletal

- None
- Significant muscle atrophy or weakness
- Deforming/erosive arthritis
- Osteoporosis/vertebral collapse
- Avascular necrosis
- Osteomyelitis

## 2. Skin/Mucous membranes

- None
- Alopecia
- Cutaneous ulcers
- Mouth ulcers

## 3. Ocular

- None
- Cataract
- Retinal change
- Optic atrophy
- Visual impairment/diplopia
- Blindness in one eye
- Blindness in second eye
- Orbital wall destruction

## 4. ENT

- None
- Hearing loss
- Nasal blockage/chronic discharge/crusting
- Nasal bridge collapse/septal perforation
- Chronic sinusitis/radiological damage
- Subglottic stenosis (no surgery)
- Subglottic stenosis (with surgery)

## 5. Pulmonary

- None
- Pulmonary
- Pulmonary fibrosis
- Pulmonary infarction
- Pleural fibrosis
- Chronic asthma
- Chronic breathlessness
- Impaired lung function

No Yes

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## 7. Peripheral vascular disease

No Yes

- None
- Absent pulses in one limb
- 2<sup>nd</sup> episode of absent pulses in one limb
- Major vessel stenosis
- Claudication >3 mths
- Minor tissue loss
- Major tissue loss
- Subsequent major tissue loss

## 8. Gastrointestinal

No Yes

- None
- Gut infarction/resection
- Mesenteric insufficiency/pancreatitis
- Chronic peritonitis
- Oesophageal stricture/surgery

## 9. Renal

No Yes

- None
- Estimated/measured GFR ≤ 50%
- Proteinuria ≥ 0.5g/24hr
- End stage renal disease

## 10. Neuropsychiatric

No Yes

- None
- Cognitive impairment
- Major psychosis

## Seizures

No Yes

- Cerebrovascular accident
- 2<sup>nd</sup> cerebrovascular accident
- Cranial nerve lesion
- Peripheral neuropathy
- Transverse myelitis

## 11. Other

No Yes

- None
- Gonadal failure

## 6. Cardiovascular

None

Angina angioplasty

Myocardial infarction

Subsequent myocardial infarction

Cardiomyopathy

Valvular disease

~~Pericarditis ≥ 3 mths or pericardectomy~~

Diastolic BP ≥ 95 or requiring antihypertensives

Marrow failure

Diabetes

Chemical cystitis

Malignancy

Other

Total VDI Score. Record the number of positive Items (1 point for each). The VDI score can either increase or remain the same over time. Remember to carry forward any previous items of damage.

VDI Modified from Exley AR, Bacon PA, ~~Lugmani et al (1997) Development and initial validation of the VDI ... Arthritis Rheum 40: 371-380~~

## Utfylling/vurdering VDI

VDI er et skår for alle organskader som har stått i minimum 3 md., og som har oppstått etter at vaskulittdiagnosen er stilt. Man skårer derfor også skader som er relatert til behandling og/eller andre interkurrente skader selv om man ikke kan se at de er vaskulittrelaterte.

- Skår forandringer som har vart i  $\geq 3$  md. selv om de senere går tilbake, f.eks. hudulcera
- Andre eksempler
  - Skoper og tetthet i nese – kan skyldes skadde slimhinner, uten aktiv vaskulitt
  - Nevropati – gir ofte langvarige symptomer, som skyldes den initiale skaden