

The Official Definitive Gomer Rating Scale

NB: **All points doubled midnight — 0700**
25% points loading for non-English speakers
37.5% points loading for recognised dysphasias

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| <p>1. Letter from LMO ends with “sorry” 10 points</p> <p>2. LMO’s letter begins with “Thank you for admitting” 10 points</p> <p>3. Has > 3 week-old untreated #NOF prior to presentation 7 points</p> <p>4. Admission begins with “Found unresponsive” 5 points</p> <p>5. Presenting complaint reads “Social” or “Acopia” and Management Plan reads “For Placement” 5 points</p> <p>6. Anointed by priest prior to presentation 6 points</p> <p>7. Successfully resuscitated by Paramedics 20 points</p> <p>8. Relatives:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) Request patient’s admission 3 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) Demand patient’s admission 6 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) Arrive in Cas with suitcase 9 points</p> <p>9. Requests bedpan immediately upon arrival in Casualty 3 points</p> <p>10. Old notes are:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) 2 volumes 3 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) 2 kg 6 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) 2 feet high 9 points</p> <p>11. Problem list 1 page long 5 points</p> <p>12. Admitted by same intern to more than three different teams 6 points</p> <p>13. Refused by Repatriation Hospital (despite service in 2 World Wars) 8 points</p> <p>14. Any one of the following:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) Age < Urea 5 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) Hb < Shoe size 6 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) Years in NH > Years not in NH 7 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d) No. Cas Presentations > Age 8 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e) Incident reports > Admissions 9 points</p> <p>15. Answers “yes” to all questions 4 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Asked of other patients in the room 8 points</p> <p>16. Requires double-gloving prior to chest examination 5 points</p> <p>17. VRE discovered after admission:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) to ward 2 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) to theatre 3 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) to ICU 4 points</p> <p>18. Faecal impaction</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) despite ileostomy 6 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) if ileostomy originally for faecal impaction 12 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) under fingernails 20 points</p> <p>19. Toenails require podiatry referral 3 points</p> <p>20. Squamous metaplasia of tongue secondary to prolonged exposure to air (qv “Q” sign) 8 points</p> <p>21. Femoral puncture required for daily FBE 3 points</p> <p>22. Does not fit in:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) MRI tube 3 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) CT Scanner 6 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) Cas trolley 9 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d) Ward bed 12 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e) Breaks any of above 15 points</p> <p>23. Sent back from Radiology without having requested Barium Enema performed 8 points</p> <p>24. Aspirates dentures 6 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Requires tracheostomy for same 12 points</p> <p>25. Patient breaks thermometer whilst in situ</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) Oral 3 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) Rectal 6 points</p> | <p>26. Fractures hip:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) whilst in hospital 3 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) whilst restrained 6 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) whilst in traction for the other hip 9 points</p> <p>27. Removes own:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) IV 2 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) Nasogastric 3 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) Sump drain 5 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d) Peritoneal catheter 8 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e) Chest tube 10 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">f) Ventriculo-peritoneal shunt 15 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">g) Pacemaker 20 points</p> <p>28. Removes own IDC with 30ml balloon full Whilst restrained 5 points
10 points</p> <p>29. Found drinking from own urine bottle 3 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Found drinking from neighbour’s urine bottle 6 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) Whilst on strict Fluid Balance Chart 9 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) Whilst “Nil By Mouth” 12 points</p> <p>30. Falls out of bed despite bed rails and 4 point restraint 4 points</p> <p>31. Destroys fibreglass cast 4 points</p> <p>32. Urinates on:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) Room-mate(s) 2 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) Visitor(s) 4 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) RMO 6 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d) Consultant 8 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e) Med Student 2 points</p> <p>33. Fluid Balance Chart “Output” column reads “P.U. in bed” on more than 4 occasions 4 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Whilst catheterised 8 points</p> <p>34. Unrequested stool specimen found >10 feet from bed 5 points</p> <p>35. Overlooked on Consultant round on three consecutive days 4 points</p> <p>36. Aged Care or Psychiatry consult suggests transfer — but refuses to accept 3 points</p> <p>37. The night prior to discharge:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) develops chest pain 3 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) spikes temperature 4 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) stool is haemocult positive 5 points</p> <p>38. Decides “doesn’t like” the Nursing Home that the Social Worker has taken 6 weeks to locate 5 points</p> <p>39. Sits in Waiting Room following discharge for > 4 hours 5 points</p> <p>40. Bounces after Turf to:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a) General Surgery 5 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b) Cardiology 10 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c) Neurosurgery 15 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d) Palliative Care 20 points</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">e) Nursing Home 25 points</p> |
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Score:

0 — 20 Hardly a gomer at all. Almost human.

> 20 — 40 Borderline gomertose. Reassess frequently.

> 40 — 60 A true gomer(e). Avoid all contact. Placement a priority.

> 60 Notify consultant and seek immediate stress leave.