Grading - Superior vena cava syndrome (SVCS) 1,2



Grade	Definition	Action
1	Oedema in the head/neck • Veins distended • Cyanosis • Plethora	 Intervention required Arrange urgent medical review Monitor airways, breathing and circulation
2	Oedema in the head/neck with mild functional impairment Mild dysphagia Cough Mild or moderate impairment of head, jaw or eyelid movements Visual disturbances caused by ocular oedema	
3	Mild or moderate cerebral oedema headaches dizziness Mild moderate laryngeal oedema or diminished reserve dizziness/syncope after bending	Emergency: Urgent intervention required
4	Significant cerebral oedema	 Seek urgent medical advice. Contact local hospital emergency/arrest team) Address life threatening symptoms - monitor and manage airways, breathing and circulation

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