

**Table I. Diagnostic Criteria for Thyroid Storm:  
Scoring System\***

<b>Thermoregulatory dysfunction</b>	Points
<u>Temperature (°F / °C)</u>	
99-99.9 / 37.2-37.7	5
100-100.9 / 37.8-38.2	10
101-101.9 / 38.3-38.8	15
102-102.9 / 38.9-39.4	20
103-103.9 / 39.4-39.9	25
<u>≥104 / ≥40</u>	30
<b>Central nervous system effects</b>	
<b>Absent</b>	0
<b>Mild</b>	10
Agitation	
<b>Moderate</b>	20
Delirium	
Psychosis	
Extreme lethargy	
<b>Severe</b>	30
Seizure	
Coma	
<b>Gastrointestinal-hepatic dysfunction</b>	
<b>Absent</b>	0
<b>Moderate</b>	10
Diarrhea	
Nausea/vomiting	
Abdominal pain	
<b>Severe</b>	20
Unexplained jaundice	
<b>Cardiovascular dysfunction</b>	
<b>Tachycardia</b>	
99-109	5
110-119	10
120-129	15
130-139	20
≥140	25
<b>Atrial fibrillation</b>	10
<b>Heart failure</b>	
<b>Absent</b>	0

<b>Mild</b>	5
Pedal edema	
<b>Moderate</b>	10
Bibasilar rales	
<b>Severe</b>	15
Pulmonary edema	
<b>Atrial fibrillation</b>	
<b>Absent</b>	0
<b>Present</b>	10
<b>Precipitating history</b>	
Negative	0
Positive	10

\*Adapted from: Burch HB, Wartofsky L. Life-threatening thyrotoxicosis. Thyroid storm. Endocrinol Metab Clin North Am 1993; 22:263-77.

**Total score**       **$\geq 45$**  highly suggestive of thyroid storm  
 **$35-45$**  supportive of diagnosis of thyroid storm  
 **$\leq 25$**  thyroid storm unlikely