

ND Acute Stroke Treatment Guidelines

Fax this packet as soon as possible to the appropriate number below with the following documents:

- Lab
- EKG
- NIHSS
- Current Medication List
- ED Records
- Any other supporting documents

One-Call Numbers/Fax for Transfers

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Reminder!
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Documents

Acute Stroke Interfacility Transfer Guideline

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- BP Pulse
 - V/S q 15 min with neuro checks
 - Continuous Cardiac Monitoring
 - Weight _____ kg
 - NIHSS on arrival _____
(If Performed)
 - Keep NPO (including meds)

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- CT Head w/o contrast
 - CT Results:**
 - No acute findings Hemorrhage
 - New Ischemic Stroke Other
 - Stroke Panel: CBC w/ Diff, Platelets, PT-INR / PTT, Chem 8 / BMP, Creatinine, Cardiac Enzymes, Glucose (bedside an option), Consider Pregnancy test for those of childbearing age
 - 12-Lead EKG

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- NPO (including meds) until Dysphagia Screen
 - ASA 325 mg po or 300 PR Administer only If not a candidate for Alteplase (tPA)
 - Administer IV Alteplase (tPA) per protocol if a candidate
 - BP Protocol
 - Ischemic target $\leq 185/110$
 - Hemorrhagic target $\leq 140/80$
 - No sublingual Nifedipine
 - Baseline O2 sat _____%
 - O2 to keep SATs >94%
 - Acetaminophen PR for temp >100.4 F
 - * Two Large-bore IV sites 18 ga AC preferred
 - * Normal Saline 0.9% TKO
 - *If time allows but do not delay transfer*

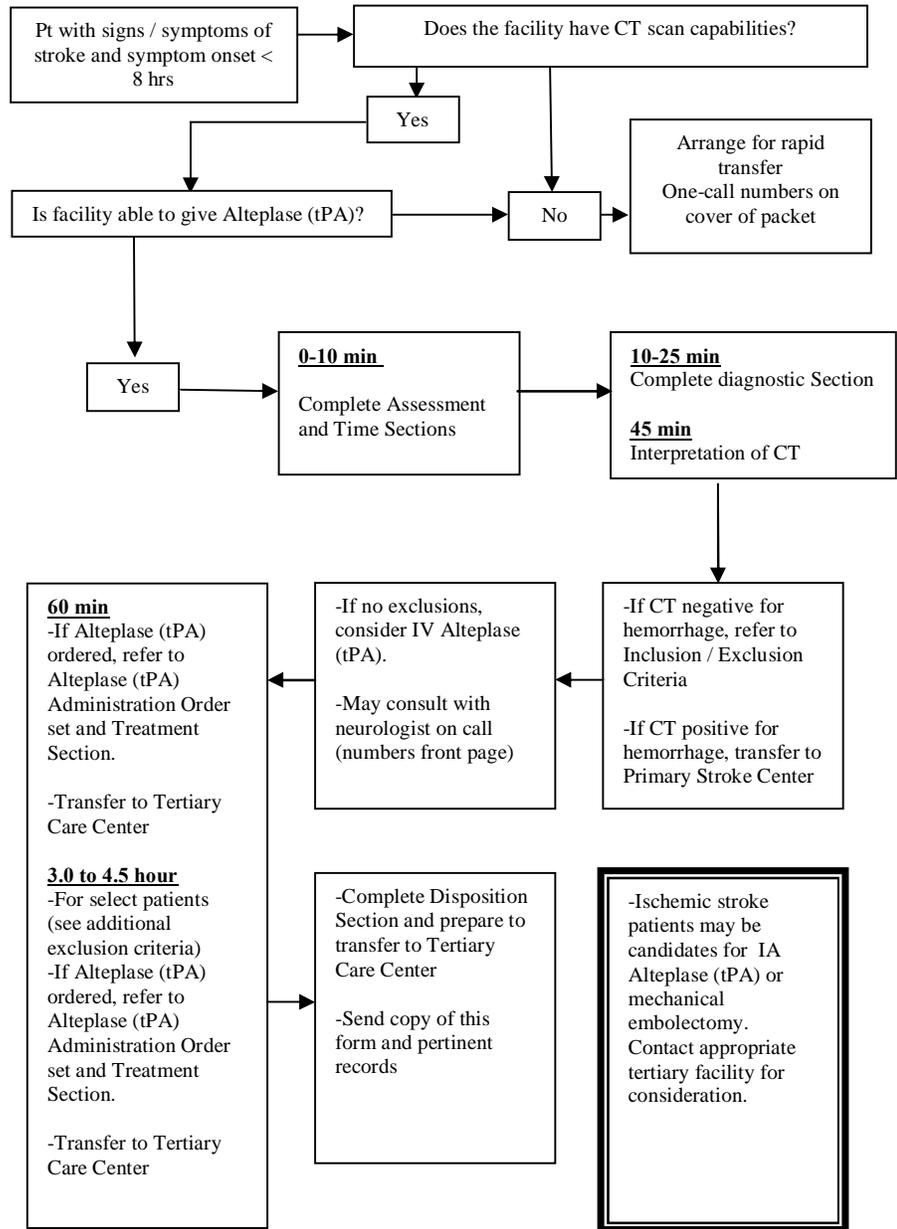
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- Transfer to Tertiary Care Facility
- Activate EMS transfer

Family / Contact Name & Cell:

ED or Primary Physician Name & Number:

Acute Stroke Intervention Algorithm



Alteplase (tPA) Checklist

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- Onset Sx to Alteplase bolus <3 hrs.
 - Onset Sx to Alteplase bolus up to 4.5 hrs in select patients (see additional criteria)
 - CT scan negative for hemorrhage
 - Thrombolytic Inclusion / Exclusion Checklist completed. No exclusions for administering Alteplase
 - Discuss risks/benefits/alternatives Patient/Family
 - Consent obtained from Patient/Family who are eligible in the 3.0 to 4.5 hr window
 - If Foley needed, Consider insertion prior to Alteplase (tPA) administration
 - Review Blood Glucose

IV Alteplase (tPA)

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- 0.9 mg/Kg (max does 90 mg)
 - 10% total dose as bolus over one minute
 - Remainder over 60 minutes
 - V/S + neuro checks q 15 min during infusion, then q 15 min x 2 hr, q 30 min x 6 hr, then hourly until 24 hours after treatment
 - Maintain BP **<180/105**
 - Repeat CT head if neuro status declines
 - No anticoag/antiplatelet for 24 hr

**Thrombolytic Alteplase (tPA) Therapy Guidelines
Eligibility & Contraindications in Acute Ischemic Stroke**

Yes	No	INCLUSION CRITERIA
		Diagnosis of ischemic stroke causing a measurable neurological deficit (loss of motor function, aphasia, etc.). Use caution with major neurological deficits.
		Age >18 years old
		Onset of symptoms <4.5 hours before beginning treatment (stroke onset = time patient last seen well or without symptoms) *see additional exclusion criteria for symptom onset between 3.0 to 4.5 hours
		EXCLUSION CRITERIA
Yes	No	Absolute Contraindications:
		Are the patient's symptoms suggestive of a subarachnoid hemorrhage or does CT show evidence of hemorrhage?
		Does that patient have untreated cerebral aneurysm, arteriovenous malformation or brain tumor?
		Has the patient experienced head trauma, intracranial surgery, intraspinal surgery, or stroke in the past 3 months?
		Has the patient had an arterial puncture at a non-compressible site in the previous 7 days?
		Does the patient have severe uncontrolled hypertension? Evidenced by systolic blood pressure > 185 mmHg and/or diastolic blood pressure >110 mmHg despite treatment?
		Does the patient have a known acute bleeding diathesis? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Platelet count < 100,000/mm or • Heparin received within 48 hours, resulting in abnormally elevated aPTT greater than the upper limit of normal
		Is the patient taking an oral anticoagulant or has an INR > 1.7 or PT > 15 sec?
		Does the CT show evidence of a multilobar infarction (hypodensity >1/3 cerebral hemisphere)?
		Relative Contraindications:
		Is the patient known to be or potentially pregnant?
		Has the patient had any gastrointestinal or urinary tract hemorrhage in the previous 21 days?
		Has the patient had major surgery or trauma in the previous 14 days?
		Has the patient had a seizure at stroke onset with postictal residual neurological impairments?
		Has the patient had a myocardial infarction (MI) in the previous 3 months?
		Does the patient have a history of a previous intracranial hemorrhage?
		Additional exclusion criteria ONLY for those between 3.0 to 4.5 hours
		Is the patient > 80 years old?
		Is the patient taking oral anticoagulants <u>regardless</u> of INR? (replaces above exclusion criteria)
		Does the patient have a history of diabetes <u>and</u> prior stroke?
		Does the patient have imaging evidence of ischemic injury involving > 1/3 of the MCA territory

 **Gray contraindicated / excluded**

- Patient has no contraindication that would exclude patient from receiving Alteplase (tPA) within the 3 hour window.
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- Discussion with the patient / family re: risks/benefits/alternatives_
- Consent obtained from patient and/or family who are eligible for Alteplase (tPA) in the 3.0 to 4.5 hour window

(DO NOT delay treatment to obtain consent, no consent is required if patient meets criteria and is unable to sign consent)

MD Signature: _____

Date/Time: _____

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(Patient Label)

CATEGORY	NIH Stroke Scale		Date/Time	Date/Time	Date/Time
			Score	Score	Score
	SCALE DEFINITION				
1a. Level of Consciousness (alert, drowsy, etc.)	0= Alert 1= Drowsy	2= Stuporous 3= Coma			
1b. LOC Questions (Month, age)	0= Answers both correctly 1= Answers one correctly	2= Answers neither correctly			
1c. LOC Commands (Open, close, eyes, make fist, let go)	0= Performs both correctly 1= Performs one correctly	2= Performs neither task			
2. Best Gaze eyes open, patient follows examiners' fingers/face)	0= Normal 1= Partial Gaze Palsy	2= Forced deviation			
3. Visual introduce visual stimulus (or threat) to patients visual field quadrants)	0= No visual loss 1= Partial hemianopia (blind)	2= Complete hemianopia 3= Bilateral hemianopia			
4. Facial Palsy (show teeth, raise eyebrows, and squeeze eyes shut)	0= Normal 1= Minor paralysis	2= Partial paralysis 3= Complete paralysis			
5. Motor Arm 5a. Left Arm (Elevate extremity to 90E and score drift/movement)	0= No drift 1= Drift 2= Some effort against gravity	3= No effort against gravity 4= No movement UN= Amputation or joint fusion			
5b. Right Arm (Elevate extremity to 90E and score drift/movement)	0= No drift 1= Drift 2= Some effort against gravity	3= No effort against gravity 4= No movement UN= Amputation or joint fusion			
6. Motor Leg 6a. Left Leg (Elevate extremity to 30E and score drift/movement)	0= No drift 1= Drift 2= Some effort against gravity	3= No effort against gravity 4= No movement UN= Amputation or joint fusion			
6b. Right Leg (Elevate extremity to 30E and score drift/movement)	0= No drift 1= Drift 2= Some effort against gravity	3= No effort against gravity 4= No movement UN= Amputation or joint fusion			
7. Limb Ataxia (Finger, nose, heel down shin)	0= Absent 1= Present in one limb	2= Present in two limbs UN= Amputation or joint fusion			
8. Sensory (Pinprick to face, arm [trunk] and leg—compare side to side)	0= Normal 1= Mild to moderate sensory loss	2= Severe to total sensory loss			
9. Best Language (Name items, describe a picture and read sentences)	0= No aphasia, normal 1= Mild to moderate aphasia	2= Severe aphasia 3= Mute, global aphasia			
10. Dysarthria (Evaluate speech clarity by patients repeating listed words)	0= Normal 1= Mild to moderate	2= Severe dysarthria UN=Intubated			
11. Extinction and inattention (Use information from prior testing to identify neglect or double simultaneous stimuli)	0= No Neglect 1= Partial Neglect	2= Profound Neglect			
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Blood Pressure Management for Acute Stroke

Alteplase (tPA) or Acute Reperfusion Intervention Patient

Patient is otherwise eligible for IV Alteplase (tPA) or other acute reperfusion therapy except BP >185/110 mmHg

Systolic >185 mmHg or Diastolic >110 mmHg:

Labetalol 10 to 20 mg IV over 1 to 2 minutes, may repeat x 1; Or

Nicardipine infusion, 5 mg/hr, titrate up by 2.5 mg/hr at 5- to 15-minute intervals, maximum dose 15 mg/hr; when desired BP attained, adjust to maintain proper BP limits

Or

Other agents (hydralazine, enalaprilat, etc) may be considered when appropriate

If blood pressure is not maintained at or below 185/110 mmHg, do not administer tPA

Management of BP during and after treatment with Alteplase (tPA) or other acute reperfusion therapy

Maintain BP at or below 180/105 mmHg for at least the first 24 hours after IV Alteplase (tPA) treatment
Monitor BP q 15 min for 2 hrs from the start of Alteplase (tPA) therapy, then q 30 min for 6 hrs, then every hour for 16 hrs

If Systolic > 180 to 230 mmHg or diastolic 105 to 120 mmHg

Labetalol 10 mg IV followed by continuous IV infusion 2-8 mg/min; Or

Nicardipine 5 mg/hr IV, titrate up to desired effect by 2.5 mg/hr every 5 . 15 min, maximum 15 mg/hr

If BP not controlled or diastolic BP > 140 mmHg, consider IV sodium nitroprusside

Maintain BP below 180/105 mmHg for at least the first 24 hours after IV tPA treatment

Non-Alteplase (tPA) Patient

Most patients with ischemic stroke **do not** require treatment for hypertension; however, it is generally agreed that patients with markedly elevated BP may have their BP lowered. A reasonable goal would be to **lower BP by ~15% during the first 24 hours** after onset of stroke. The level of BP that would mandate such treatment is not known, but consensus exists that **medications should be withheld unless the systolic BP is >220 mmHg or the diastolic BP is >120 mmHg**

Avoid hypotension

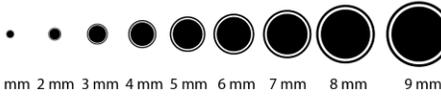
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	Baseline	15 min	30 min	45 min	1 hr	1.25 hr	1.5 hr	1.75 hr	2 hr	2.25 hr	2.5 hr	2.75 hr	3 hr	3.5 hr	4 hr	4.5 hr	5 hr	
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