

Stroke Symptoms

Sudden:

- numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg
- numbness of face, arm or leg
- clumsiness of arm or leg
- unsteady gait/balance problem
- speech/language difficulty
- changes in vision or loss of vision
- dizziness with any of the above
- severe headache with no known cause

Thrombolytic Eligibility Criteria

1. Age greater than 18 years.
2. Onset of symptoms less than three hours before treatment would begin
3. CT of head negative — no hemorrhage, no early signs of infarction
4. Patient has measurable deficits which are not rapidly improving (NIHSS >4)
5. No history of GI or GU hemorrhage in last 21 days
6. Patient has not had a noncompressible arterial puncture in last seven days
7. No seizure at onset of stroke
8. Symptoms not suggestive of subarachnoid hemorrhage
9. INR is less than 1.7
10. Patient has not been on heparin within last 48 hours and PTT is normal
11. Blood pressure is less than 185 systolic and 110 diastolic
12. Platelet count is greater than 100,000
13. Glucose is greater than 50 and less than 400 mg%
14. No major surgery in last 14 days
15. Neurological consult obtained
16. No history of bleeding disorders
17. No history of intracranial hemorrhage
18. No history of stroke or severe head trauma within the past three months
19. No suspected septic embolism or infective endocarditis
20. ICU/NICU bed available for post t-PA monitoring

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Stroke Response Guide

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When time is brain, there is only one.

Time
(mins)

Stroke Flowchart

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<5

<15

<45

<60

120

