

ADULT STROKE STANDING ORDER

Initiate immediate supportive care:

- O₂ (keep O₂ sat > 94%)
- Finger Stick Blood Glucose
- Cardiac Monitor

INCLUSION

- Signs of symptoms of suspected stroke with positive prehospital stroke screen
- Last known at baseline neurologic status <24 hours

EXCLUSION

- Signs of head trauma
- Children, follow SAEMS Critical Pediatric Triage Protocol
- Signs and symptoms > 24 hours
- Evidence of traumatic injury, follow, trauma/TBI SO if indicated
- Unconscious and unresponsive - treat per unconscious/unresponsive SO if indicated

If patient does not meet inclusion criteria, or meets any exclusion criteria, or wishes to refuse transport, transport to closest facility and/or contact Medical Direction Authority

ORDERS

- Establish and relay **"STROKE ALERT"** with time last seen normal
- Initiate proximal IV, 20 gauge or larger NS/LR TKO
- Place on Cardiac Monitor
- 12 lead ECG
- Treat per hypoglycemia SO if indicated
- Seizure SO if indicated
- Airway management SO, if indicated

Symptom onset less than 4 hours

- Transport to **nearest Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Center**
- In outlying areas with a transport interval of greater than 30 minutes to a Primary Stroke Center or comprehensive, transport patient to the closest facility or consider air transport to a Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Center.

Symptom onset greater than 4 hours

- Assess for unilateral motor weakness for 10 seconds. If weakness present, perform VAN** screening; **if VAN positive, consider transport of patient to nearest Comprehensive Stroke Center or Designated Thrombectomy Ready Center.**

VAN
Negative

****Special Note:** Evaluate Stroke Severity using VAN scale to assess for Large Vessel Occlusion (LVO). First assess for unilateral motor weakness. If weakness present, assess for Visual disturbance, Aphasia, and Neglect.

- Visual Disturbance (field cut, double vision, or blind vision)
- Aphasia (inability to speak or understand)
- Neglect (gaze to one side or ignoring one side)

If patient has any weakness PLUS any one of the above, this is likely a large vessel occlusion

Primary Stroke Centers: NWMC, OVH, TMC, SMH, and BUMCT

Comprehensive Stroke Center: TMC and BUMC-T, SJH

Designated Thrombectomy Ready: N/A (will include centers that subsequently come on line)