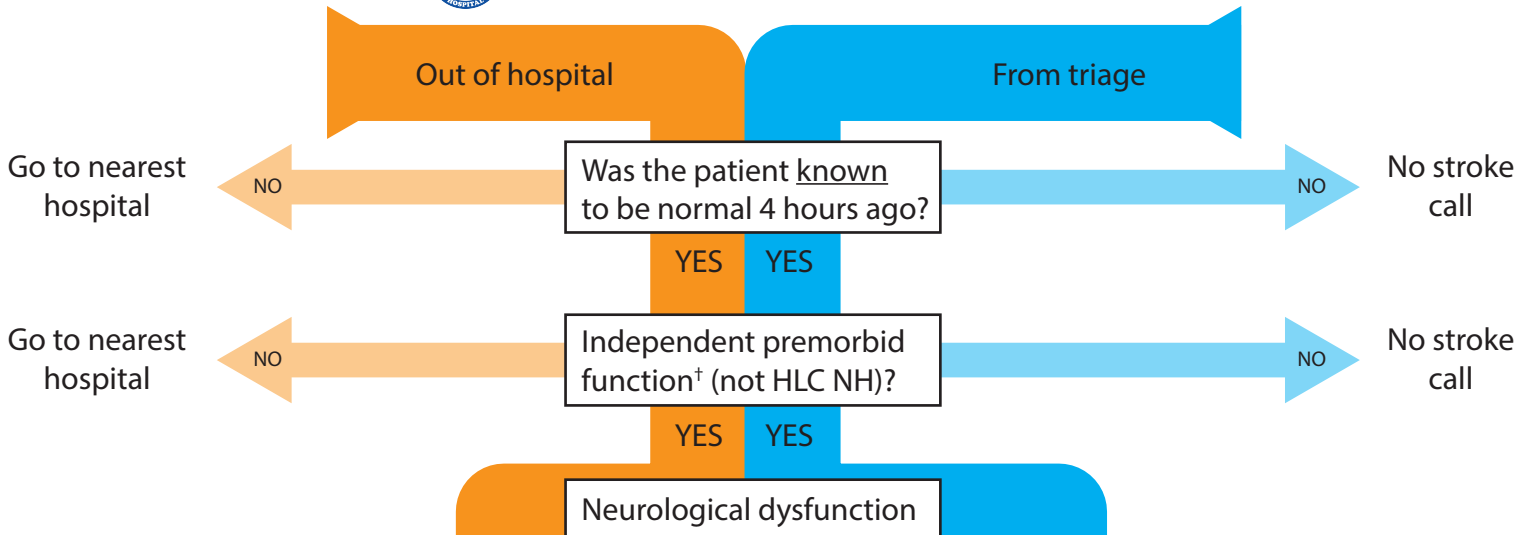




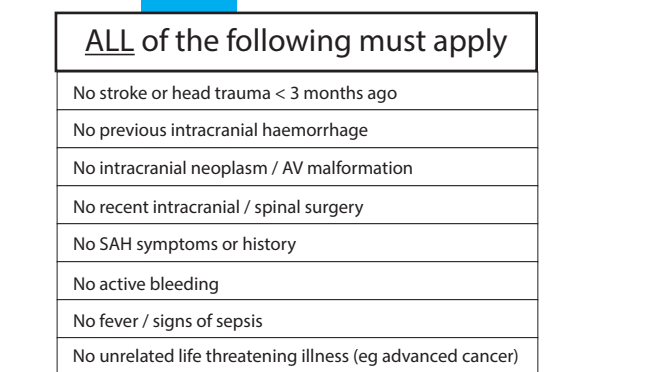
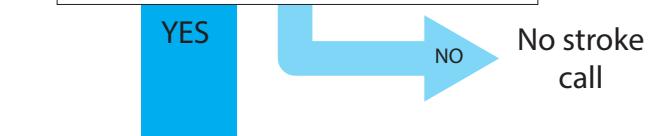
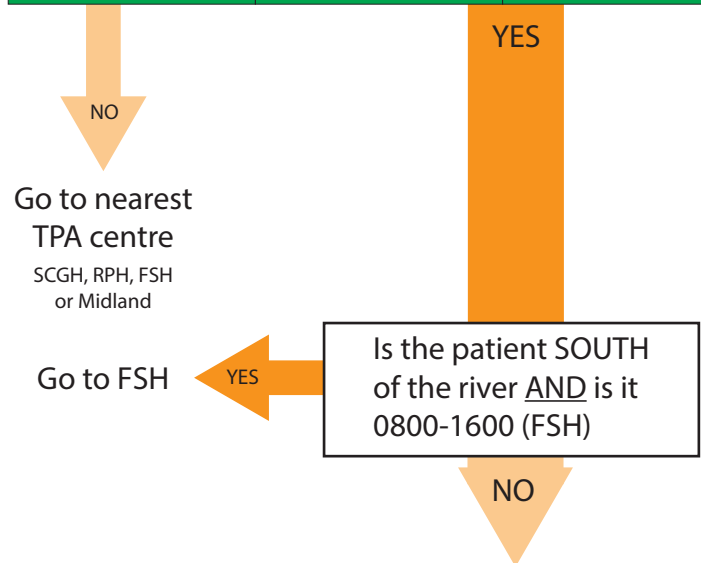
STROKE PATHWAY



| RACE score <u>5 or more?</u> | | |
|------------------------------|---|--|
| Facial palsy | "SHOW YOUR TEETH" | 0 Symmetrical |
| | | 1 Slight asymmetry |
| | | 2 Completely asymmetrical |
| Arm motor | Extend arm 90° sitting 45° supine | 0 Limb upheld > 10 secs |
| | | 1 Limb upheld < 10 sec |
| | | 2 Unable to lift against gravity |
| Leg motor | Extend leg 30° supine | 0 Limb upheld > 5 secs |
| | | 1 Limb upheld < 5 sec |
| | | 2 Unable to lift against gravity |
| Head & Gaze | Head or eye deviation to one side | 0 Normal movements |
| | | 1 Eye and head to one side |
| Aphasia (R side) | Follow commands: "CLOSE YOUR EYES" "MAKE A FIST" | 0 Both tasks correct 1 One of two tasks correct 2 Both incorrect |
| Agnosia (L side) | "WHOSE ARM IS THIS?" (show their affected arm) "CAN YOU MOVE YOUR ARM?" | 0 Recognize arm and moves 1 Unaware of arm OR not recognize 2 Unaware of arm AND not recognize |

| Must have <u>AT LEAST ONE</u> of the following |
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| Facial weakness |
| Arm weakness |
| Leg weakness |
| Speech disturbance (aphasia / dysarthria) |
| Hemiparesis / hemisensory disturbance |
| Ataxia |
| Diplopia / visual loss |

| <u>ALL</u> of the following must apply |
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| No stroke or head trauma < 3 months ago |
| No previous intracranial haemorrhage |
| No intracranial neoplasm / AV malformation |
| No recent intracranial / spinal surgery |
| No SAH symptoms or history |
| No active bleeding |
| No fever / signs of sepsis |
| No unrelated life threatening illness (eg advanced cancer) |



CODE 55 STROKE CALL (ED triggered)
 Prioritize RESUS cubicle
 IV Cannula
 FBC, UE, INR (if on Warfarin)
 Expedite transfer to CT

CODE 55 STROKE CALL (SJA triggered)
 Give ETA
 Search iCM for discharge summaries
 Accompany patient to CT on SJA trolley
 Seek out stroke mimics

NOTE The following are NOT absolute contraindications to thrombolysis / thrombectomy

Known cerebral aneurysm (without symptoms SAH)
 Arterial puncture in non-compressible site < 7 days
 BSL < 2.8, SBP >= 185, DBP >= 110
 Isolated neurological signs
 Dynamic changes in stroke symptoms
 Age > 80
 Severe stroke or previous stroke

[†]Mild-moderate dementia (where stroke resolution would make patient's care easier)
 GI or GU bleed < 21 days
 MI in previous 3 months
 Postictal post seizure at onset of stroke
 Pregnancy
 Major surgery or serious trauma < 14 days
 Diabetes mellitus