



## Appendix F: Examples of site specific hospital rapid response protocols

### SCGH: THE ACUTE STROKE TEAM AND CODE STROKE PAGER

The acute stroke team is designed to provide a rapid response for stroke patients by a team of experts in acute stroke assessment. The team is activated by a group pager, usually at the discretion of the Neurology Registrar who dials “55” and states; “stroke team to attend...desired location (usually ED or the CT Suite)”.

***The following personnel will be notified during normal working hours (0900 to 1700).***

1. The Stroke Unit Neurologist will have sole overall clinical responsibility for the management of the patient.
2. On call Interventional Neuroradiology Fellow; meets the stroke team in the CT Suite and assists with the interpretation of the CT, CT angiogram (CTA), and assists with arrangements for interventional cerebral angiography if necessary.
3. The Stroke Clinical Nurse Consultant (CNC) assists with overall running of the code stroke, particularly to make arrangements for admission to G51 or other appropriate destination. Additionally she will help to locate the patient’s family to commence counselling regarding interventional therapy and during working hours bring the “alteplase kit” to the code.
4. Ward G51 Clinical Nurse Specialist; work with nursing management to arrange bed on G51 and a “nurse special”.
5. Ward G51 Clinical Nurse Co-ordinator of the day; commences arrangements to make a bed on G66 liaises with the ED shift co-ordinator, and after hours arranges for alteplase to be sent to ED via chute.
6. Remaining Neurology Registrars: assist the Neurology Registrar covering ED by gathering laboratory results and by covering other calls and patients whilst the code stroke is active.
7. Outside normal working hours, team members 2 and 5 are activated by the group pager.

The team will meet within a week of all code strokes to review all aspects of the code, to particularly identify areas of delay. This should include all patients, regardless of whether interventional therapy was administered.