

1. **TRIAGE CRITERIA:** Nurse at Triage uses tick boxes to assess for:

**MUST HAVE THE FOLLOWING**

- Was known to be asymptomatic 3 hours prior to Triage time (i.e. did not wake up with symptoms)

**INCLUSION CRITERIA (MUST HAVE AT LEAST ONE OF THE FOLLOWING)**

- Facial weakness
- Arm weakness
- Speech disturbance (aphasia / dysarthria)
- Hemiparesis or hemisensory disturbance
- Ataxia
- Diplopia / visual loss

**EXCLUSION CRITERIA (MUST NOT HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING)**

- High level care nursing home resident (does not include residential village or hostel)

If INCLUSION / EXCLUSION criteria are met, CALL DC / OVERNIGHT REG (4266) or RAT for immediate review in RESUS. Nursing staff to perform observations immediately on arrival to RESUS. IV Cannulation must be performed urgently in RESUS.

Triage Nurse name: \_\_\_\_\_ Triage Nurse signature: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **SR DOCTOR CRITERIA:** Sr Doctor review (must review patient within 10 min):

**INCLUSION CRITERIA (MUST HAVE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING)**

- Clear focal neurology (resolution of the symptoms would be easy to determine. Excludes vague / non-specific symptoms)
- Was known to be asymptomatic 3 hours prior to Triage time

**EXCLUSION CRITERIA (MUST NOT HAVE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING)**

- Stroke or head trauma < 3 months
- Previous ICH
- Intracranial neoplasm or AV malformation
- Recent intracranial or spinal surgery
- SAH symptoms
- Active bleeding
- Fever / signs of sepsis
- Unrelated life threatening illness (e.g. advanced cancer)

If INCLUSION / EXCLUSION criteria are met, CALL 55 CODE STROKE ED

Consultant / Night Registrar name: \_\_\_\_\_ Consultant / Night Registrar signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE**

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT ABSOLUTE CONTRAINDICATIONS TO THROMBOLYSIS / THROMBECTOMY:

<p><i>Known cerebral aneurysm (without symptoms of SAH)</i>  <i>Arterial puncture in non-compressible site &lt; 7 days</i>  <i>BSL &lt; 2.8, SBP &gt;= 185, DBP &gt;= 110</i>  <i>Isolated neurological signs</i>  <i>Dynamic changes in stroke symptoms</i>  <i>Age &gt; 80</i>  <i>Severe stroke or previous stroke</i></p>	<p><i>Mild-moderate dementia (where stroke resolution would make patients care easier)</i>  <i>GI or GU bleed &lt; 21 days</i>  <i>MI in previous 3 months</i>  <i>Postictal post seizure at onset of stroke</i>  <i>Pregnancy</i>  <i>Major surgery or serious trauma &lt; 14 days</i>  <i>DM</i></p>
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