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Is your patient having a stroke?

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ACE

Is there a facial droop?

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RMS

Is there unilateral weakness?

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PEECH

Is it slurred, incomprehensive or mute?

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IME

Is the *Last Seen Normal* less than 24 hours?

YES!

Activate Inpatient Acute Stroke Protocol

Page MRP Stat

MRP to call Acute Stroke MD (226) 750-9674

Acute Stroke MD to arrange Stat CT and/or CTA/CTP

ACT FAST – TIME IS BRAIN

2 Million brain cells die each minute blood supply is cut off to the brain



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FAST Stroke Screen positive:

☐ One or more symptoms from Face, Arm, Speech and

☐ LAST SEEN NORMAL Time <24 hours

FACE

- ☐ Right droop
☐ Left droop

☐ Normal

ARM

- ☐ Right weak
☐ Left weak

☐ Normal

SPEECH

- ☐ Slurred

☐ Normal

TIME

- ☐ Less than 24
hours

☐ Outside
window

Physician will assess EVT Eligibility

1. Deficits are NOT pre-existing (mild deficits that are now worse are acceptable as true deficits)
2. Onset of symptoms or last seen normal less than 24 hrs
3. Living at home independently with only minor assistance—must be independent with hygiene, personal care tasks, walking (walking aids are acceptable)
4. Patient does NOT have stroke mimics: seizure preceding symptoms, Hypoglycemia = glucose less than 2.8 mmol/L, Active malignancy with brain lesions

- Try and use clues to guess time last seen well—did someone talk to or call patient?
- For suspected Wake-Up symptoms, did patient get up overnight? Were they normal when first getting up?



INPATIENT STROKE PROTOCOL

