

UI Stroke Center Code Stroke Protocol

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Call
1-800-322-8442
(UI Consult)
to activate
CODE STROKE
if:

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Patient criteria:

Presence of any of these symptoms and the patient was last normal less than six hours ago:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face
- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face and arm
- Sudden numbness or weakness of an arm and leg
- Sudden difficulty speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing
- Sudden trouble walking or loss of balance

Acute Care:

- Stabilize patient – vital signs, intubate if unable to protect airway
- Obtain accurate time of symptom onset or time patient was last normal
- Locate next of kin if patient can't provide history or consent
- NIH Stroke Scale or rapid neurologic exam
- STAT lab results: CBC, INR, PTT, glucose, creatinine
- STAT EKG
- STAT non-contrast head CT

**Consultation/
Transport:
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Follow these steps:

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Call **1-800-322-8442**.

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You can request to be immediately connected to a stroke neurologist.

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Provide the following to expedite treatment and transfer:

- History of illness, including symptom onset time and medications
- Air transport needed
- Vital signs (BP, weight)
- NIH Stroke Scale (or brief exam)
- Lab results (CBC, glucose, coagulation studies)
- CT scan results
- Phone number to reach next of kin upon patient arrival at UI
- Consider IV thrombolytic therapy if onset less than 3 hours ago
- Send with patient or fax:
 - patient's clinical notes
 - treatments
 - CT scan
 - lab results

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