

Suspected Stroke/CVA/TIA

Signs & Symptoms may include: altered mental status, impaired speech (aphasia or dysarthria), confusion, agitation, uncoordinated movement or gait disturbance, severe headache, one-sided weakness (hemiparesis), one-sided paralysis (hemiplegia), high blood pressure (hypertension), lethargy, stupor, coma, seizures, vision disturbances, unevenly dilated pupils.

First Responder

1. Provide routine medical care
2. Provide oxygen
3. Support ABCs as needed
4. Perform Cincinnati Stroke Scale
5. Obtain time of onset or time last known well
6. Obtain cell phone # from witness and/or relative/POA

EMT-Basic

1. All the above
2. Do not delay transport
3. Transport witness or relative/POA with patient, if possible
4. Enroute – maintain oxygen saturation at $\geq 93\%$
5. Contact receiving facility as soon as possible of possible stroke patient transport

EMT-Basic Advanced

1. All the above
2. Enroute – initiate IV (do not delay transport)
3. Obtain EKG
4. Enroute – obtain blood glucose level

EMT-Intermediate

1. All the above
2. Enroute – consider treatment of hypoglycemia if glucose $\leq 60\text{mg/dl}$

EMT-Paramedic

1. All the above
2. Enroute - Consider 12 LEAD EKG (do not delay transport)
3. Do not treat hypertension
4. Contact Medical Control for additional orders as needed