

Stroke Alert

Standard:

To establish guidelines for declaring a Stroke Alert and initiating patient transport to an appropriate receiving facility based on COG transport guideline.

Purpose:

To outline the assessment of a patient currently exhibiting signs and/or symptoms associated with stroke.

Application:

1. Initiate assessment and treatment of suspected stroke patients in accordance with most appropriate clinical guideline(s).
2. Utilize Cincinnati Pre-hospital Stroke Screen checklist.
3. Ascertain the last time the patient was seen normal to establish the time of *last known well*.
4. Obtain a blood glucose level according to the blood glucose procedure.
5. Perform the Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Screen (CPSS).
 - a. All portions of CPSS must be completed. Any abnormality in the screening is positive for stroke.
6. If time of *last known well* of current symptoms is ≤ 24 hours, the blood glucose reading is > 50 and the CPSS is positive declare a *Stroke Alert* and initiate transport per COG transport guideline.
7. Whenever possible, identify a family member or historian to accompany the patient to the hospital.