

Goals

- Use the Cincinnati Stroke Scale (facial droop, arm drift, speech abnormalities) to recognize the symptoms of a stroke
- Establish time of onset (or time last seen normal)
- Rapid transport; if symptoms + transport time is less than 3.5 hours, transport to a DASH facility if possible

Oxygen to keep SpO₂ above 92%

Obtain a BGL; if less than 4.0 mmol/L,
treat the hypoglycemia

Obtain a 12-lead ECG

Conduct a detailed neurological assessment

Tips

- Provide fluid to manage hypotension only
- Notify the receiving facility early
- Treat associated conditions, such as nausea/vomiting or seizures, according to the appropriate guideline
- Keep the patient NPO