

TIPS

Use the Cincinnati Stroke Scale to recognize the symptoms of a stroke

- Facial Droop
- Arm Drift
- Speech Abnormalities

Critical to establish time of onset (or time last seen 'normal')

Determine the reperfusion interval (symptom duration + transport time to **District Acute Stroke Hospital: DASH**)

Oxygen to keep SpO2 above 92%

Keep patient NPO

Obtain a blood sugar reading: if less than 4.0 mmol/L, treat for hypoglycemia

Obtain 12 lead

Conduct a detailed neurological assessment

If Reperfusion Interval < 3.5 hours, proceed to DASH

Early DASH ED Activation

GOALS

Provide fluids to manage hypotension or hypoglycemia only.

Encourage next of kin to accompany patient, or to be available by phone for conversation with the DASH team.

Treat associated conditions such as nausea, vomiting or seizures per the appropriate guidelines.

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