

Emergency Department Orders

Set One: Preliminary Evaluation

Physician's orders for the preliminary evaluation of a stroke patient after the stroke patient has been brought to the Emergency Department and while rt-PA treatment is being considered.

Date	Physician's Order	
	1.	Record time of stroke onset (last time patient seen without stroke symptoms).
	2.	Activate stroke response system.
	3.	Complete vital signs once, then blood pressure every 15 minutes
	4.	STAT non-contrast CT scan of head.
	5.	STAT blood draw for:
		a. CBC with platelet count
		b. PT and aPTT
		c. Glucose (can be done by fingerstick)
	6.	IV Access: NS or 0.45 NS keep open at 50 cc/hr.
	7.	No heparin, warfarin, or aspirin.
		Physician Signature

These orders represent only one potential approach to the management of patients with ischemic stroke. For each patient, physicians and institutions must determine treatment appropriate for their own situation.