



Stroke Patient Triage

Stroke is a medical emergency! Activate the hospital stroke alert if you spot any of the following symptoms upon patient presentation:

Ask the patient or a family member:

- What time was the patient last known to be **without symptoms**?

- What time were the **symptoms discovered**?

Stroke Signs & Symptoms

- Sudden** ataxia (loss of muscle control, coordination on one side of the body)
- Sudden** weakness on right or left side, arm or leg
- Sudden** vision impairment (in one eye or both eyes)
- Sudden** slurred speech
- Sudden** facial droop on right or left side
- Sudden** aphasia (difficulty speaking, mute, garbled or confused speech)

B.E.F.A.S.T.

Balance
Loss

Eye (Vision)
Changes

Face
Drooping

Arm
Weakness

Speech
Difficulty

Time to
Call 911
or Activate
the Hospital
Stroke Alert