

SUSPECTED CVA/TIA	
ADULT	PEDIATRIC (≤34KG)
BLS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Universal Protocol #601</li> <li>• Place patient in position of comfort with head elevated</li> <li>• Complete B-E-F-A-S-T exam, see Notes</li> </ul>	Same as Adult
BLS Optional	
Pulse Oximetry – O <sub>2</sub> administration per Airway Management Protocol #602	
ALS Standing Orders	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain Blood Sugar Level – if &lt; 60 mg/dL see Altered Mental Status Protocol #612</li> <li>• Initiate <b>STROKE ALERT</b> base report and EARLY transport if ANY of B-E-F-A-S-T present <b>and</b> last seen normal is less than 6 hours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obtain Blood Sugar Level – if &lt; 60 mg/dL see Altered Mental Status Protocol #612</li> </ul>
Base Hospital Orders Only	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• As needed</li> </ul>
Notes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contact receiving hospital early if patient meets STROKE ALERT criteria</li> <li>• Do not delay transport to hospital for on scene treatment</li> <li>• B-E-F-A-S-T ( new onset or change from previous “normal”)(*)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ B – Balance – changes or problems</li> <li>○ E – Eyes – sudden change in vision or double vision</li> <li>○ F – Facial droop</li> <li>○ A – Arm drift</li> <li>○ S – Speech abnormalities</li> <li>○ T – Time last seen normal &lt; 6 hrs. (record the time)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• “Time last seen normal” – do not confuse with time symptoms noticed – “time last seen normal” starts the clock</li> <li>• Evaluate and correct for other potential causes i.e.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Hypoxia</li> <li>○ Hypoglycemia</li> <li>○ Overdose</li> <li>○ Seizure</li> </ul> </li> <li>• If time is available and the patient or family can provide the information, gather the criteria listed in the Fibrinolytic Evaluation listed below (Fibrinolytic Evaluation – ASA/NSA Standards)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Use of anticoagulants</li> <li>○ History of stroke/TIA/Brain tumor</li> <li>○ Mental Status - orientation</li> <li>○ Known bleeding disorder</li> <li>○ Age &gt; 18 yrs.</li> <li>○ Active bleeding, surgery, or trauma &lt; 3 weeks</li> <li>○ Jaundice, hepatitis, kidney failure</li> <li>○ Terminal illness</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
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