Endovascular Revolution: Growing Role of EMS in Stroke Care



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Objectives

- Overview Stroke Epidemiology
- Pre-hospital Care: Important
- Brief History of Stroke Treatment Evolution
 - IV thrombolysis
 - Mechanical Thrombectomy
 - Advanced Imaging
- Discussion of Treatment for Acute Ischemic Stroke
- Recognize the Importance of EMS in Stroke Care

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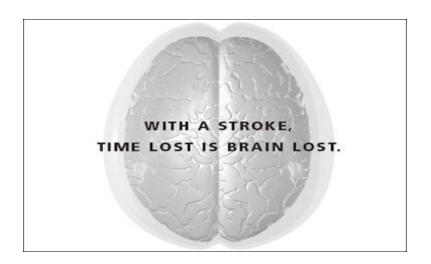








Stroke Epidemiology



Stroke Statistics: US and Worldwide

United States

- Every 40 seconds someone has a stroke
- Ranked 5th in cause of death
- Each year there are 795,000 new or recurrent stroke (610,000 first attack)
- Leading cause of serious long-term disability
- 87% of all stroke are ischemic

World

- Accounts for 11.8% of total deaths worldwide (6.2 million lives each year)
- 15 million new or recurrent stroke each year
- 2nd leading cause of death behind heart disease
- 80 million people have had a stroke, 50 million survivors with disability
- Leading cause of disability

World Stroke Association (2018) American Heart Association (2018)

Predicted changes in Europe over next 20 years

The number of stroke survivors in the EU will rise from 3,718,785 in 2015 to 4,631,050 in 2035, an increase of almost one million or 25%.	3,718,785 L
The largest increase will be in Luxembourg (72%) and the largest absolute number increase in the UK (193,861).	4,631,050
There will be a 45% increase in the number of stroke deaths from 532,321 in 2015 to 770,038 in 2035.	45%
This ranges from a 10% increase in Lithuania to 101% increase in Malta, with Germany having the largest absolute increase of 29,243.	more deaths
Overall there will be a 32% increase in DALYs lost from 2015 to 2035 (609,721 to 861,878).	22%
The largest percentage increase is expected in Malta (63%) with almost no change in	32 /0
Lithuania (1%). The UK will have the largest	more
absolute increase of DALYs from 609,721 in 2015 to 861,878 in 2035.	DALYs lost

1.1m people have stroke in Europe each year 3rd commonest cause of death



The Burden of Stroke in Europe 2017

Historical Stroke Care

- 63 y/o male with "stroke symptoms"
- Found in garden
- LKW maybe 8 hours ago?
- CPSS ++ (face/arm/speech)
- FSBS 106, BP 156/87
- Brought to a Primary Stroke Center
- Stroke Team activated
- Outside any treatment window (4.5 hrs)
- No intervention offered
- Discharged to a Rehabilitation Hospital
- Never Able to Return to Work

(Prior to 2015)



ED CT Scan



MRI at 36 Hours

Prehospital Stroke Care (EMS)









Detection: Early recognition

Dispatch: Early EMS activation (911)

Delivery: Transport & management

Door: ED triage

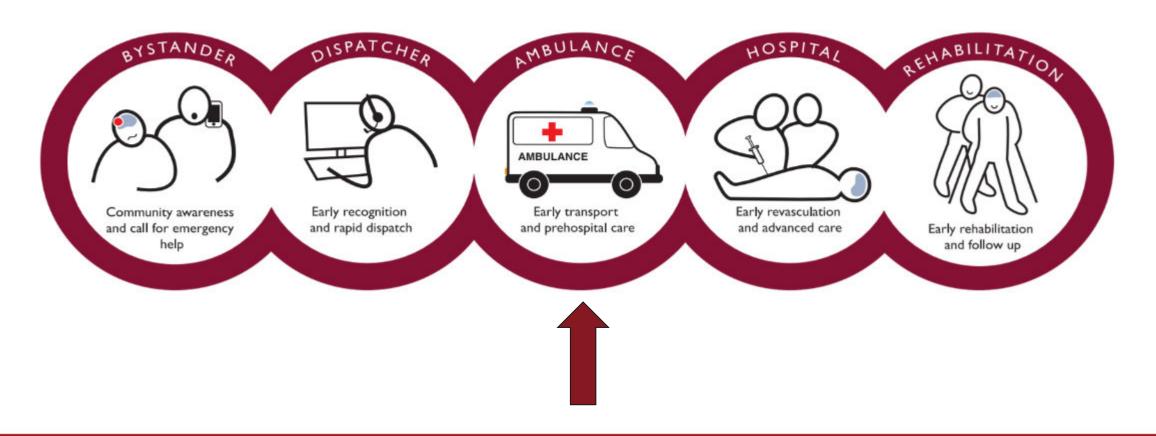
Data: ED evaluation & management

Decision: Neurology input, Rx selection

Drug: Thrombolytic & future agents

Disposition: Rapid admission to stroke unit

Utstein Guidelines on Stroke Emergency Care Chain of Survival



Prehospital care

Current evidence – DRIVE FAST, DON"T WASTE TIME

- FAST (or equivalent) screening but if in doubt treat as stroke
- Exclude hypoglycaemia & treat if low
- Measure blood pressure
- Oxygenation (only if <94%)
- NPO (Nothing by mouth)
- Pre-hospital alert
- Take to nearest/closest stroke center based upon regional plan



CPSS-Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale



Facial Droop



Arm Drift



Speech

Widely Utilized

- 10 minutes to train
- < 1 minute to perform

EMS providers

59% sensitivity

89% specificity

Carotid strokes

• Sensitivity = 95%

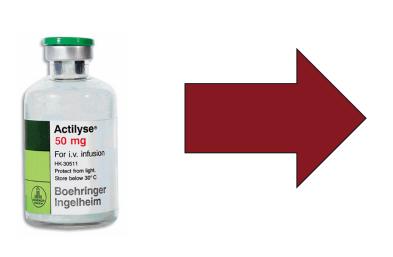
Bray JE et al. Cerebrovasc Dis 2005;20:28-33.

Stroke mimics: Challenge for ED and EMS

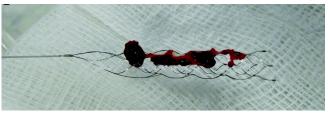
- Nearly 1 in 3 presumed strokes are mimics
- Stroke symptoms that make the diagnosis difficult for EMS and ED:
 - Posterior circulation stroke –Dizziness
 - Isolated visual abnormalities-hemianopsia
 - Isolated aphasia or dysarthria
 - Altered mental status "Found Down"

Alcohol Intoxication	Cerebral Infections
Drug Overdose	Epidural Subdural Hematoma
Hypoglycemia	Seizure or Post-seizure
Neuropathies (e.g. Bell's Palsy)	Tumors
Metabolic Disorders	Migraine-Complicated
Conversion Disorder	Hypertensive Encephalopathy

Treatment Options 1996-Today



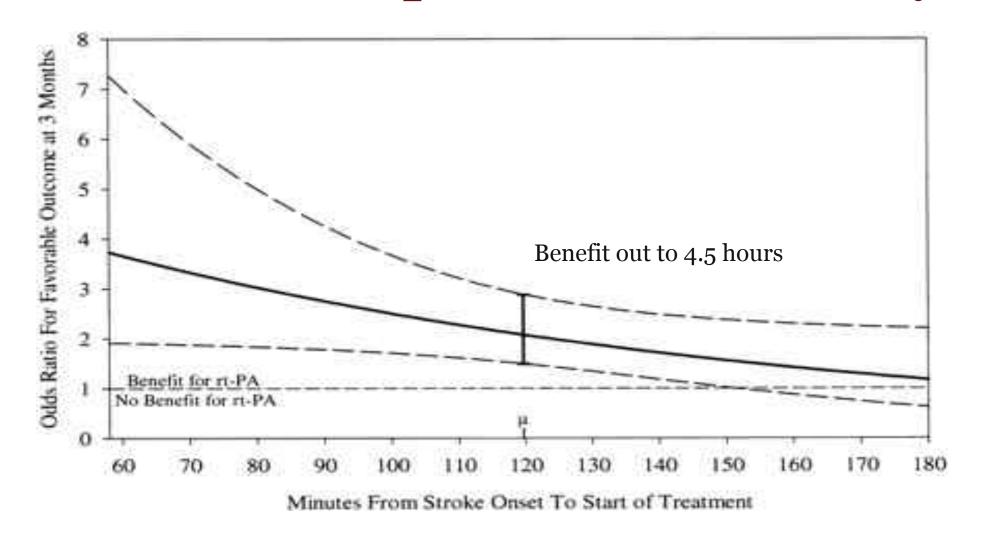




Intravenous Thrombolysis 1996 (20 years)



Time is brain: impact of IV thrombolysis



How to communicate the risks and benefits

Onset-to- Treatment time	Number Needed to Treat to yield one additional patient with minimal disability (mRS 0-1)
0-90 mins	
91-180 mins	
181-270 mins	

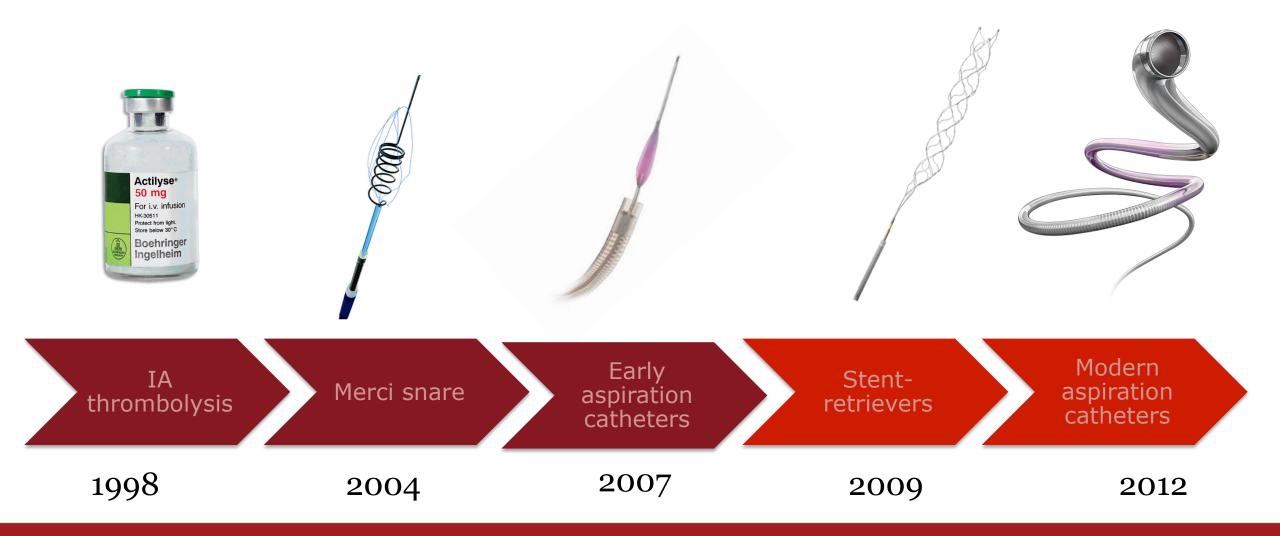
Overall, Number Needed to Treat (NNT) = 8 for IV Thrombolysis

Mechanical Thrombectomy 2015-Today

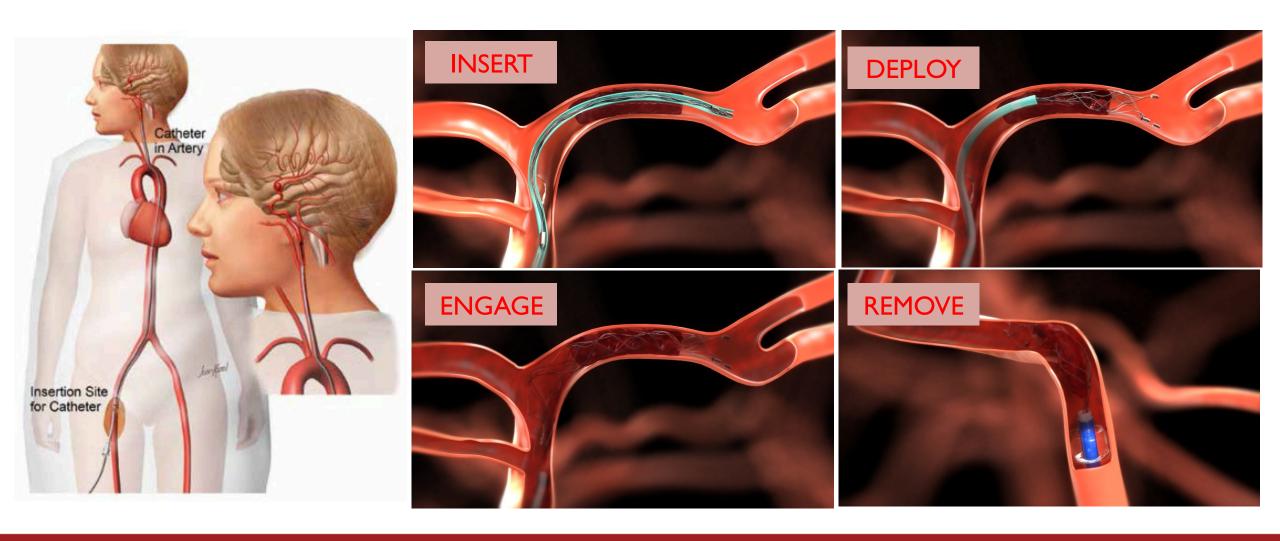
Extending the Treatment Window (TIME)



Endovascular Trends



Thrombectomy



Evidence-based Review

HERMES collaboration¹

Thrombectomy (0-6 hours)

Outcome	Intervention (n=634)	Control (n=653)	p
90-day mRS 0-2	46.0%	26.5%	<0.0001
Mortality	4.4%	4.3%	0.81
sICH	15.3%	18.9%	0.16

NNT to achieve 90-day mRS 0-2 is **5.1**. NNT to reduce 90-day mRS by 1 level is **2.6**.

¹Goyal, et al. Lancet 2016;387:1723-31.

Evidence-based Review

DAWN trial¹

Thrombectomy (6-24 hours)

Outcome	Interventi on (n=107)	Control (n=99)	p
90-day mRS 0-2	48.6%	13.1%	<0.0001
Mortality	13.0%	18.0%	<0.01
sICH	4.8%	3.2%	0.3

NNT to achieve 90-day mRS 0-2 is **2.8**. NNT to reduce 90-day mRS by 1 level is **2.0**.

¹Nogueira, et al. N Engl J Med 2018;378:11-21.

Stroke Severity (Selection) Scales

Detection of Large Vessel Occlusion (LVO)

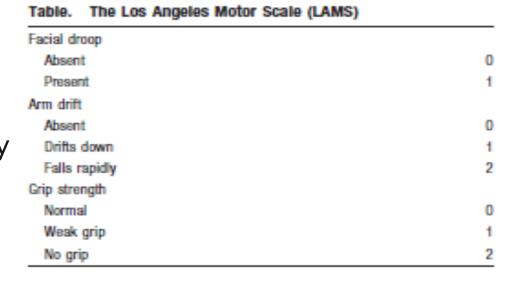
- RACE* Rapid Arterial Occlusion Evaluation scale
- MPSS Maria Prehospital Stroke Scale Score
- LAMS LA Motor Scale score
- PASS Prehospital Acute Stroke Severity score
- **3-ISS** 3-item Stroke Scale
- C-STAT Cincinnati Stroke Triage Assessment Tool
- NIHSS NIH Stroke Scale
- VAN Vision, Aphasia, Neglect
- FAST-ED Field Assessment Stroke Triage for Emergency Destination

* Only published to evaluate in prehospital setting

Severity and Time to Determine Triage Location?

LAMS (LA motor scale)

- Predictive LVAO 4-5 = 100% LVO
- LAMS ≥4 was 7x positive likelihood LVO and
- 0.81 sensitivity, 0.89 specificity, 0.85 accuracy



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Severity and Time to Determine Triage Location?

RACE Scale

- Rapid Arterial Occlusion Evaluation
- Based off NIHSS
- Prospectively validated in field (357 cases)
- Scale-Face/Arm/Leg/Gaze/Speech/Agnosia
 - Correlation with NIHSS (r=0.76; P<0.001)
 - LVO 76 of 357 cases (21%)
 - ROC RACE vs. NIHSS (0.82 and 0.85 respectively)
 - RACE ≥ 5 sens 85%, spec 68%, PPV 0.42, NNP 0.94

Perez de la Ossa N et al. Stroke 2014;45:87-91

Other Stroke Severity Scales

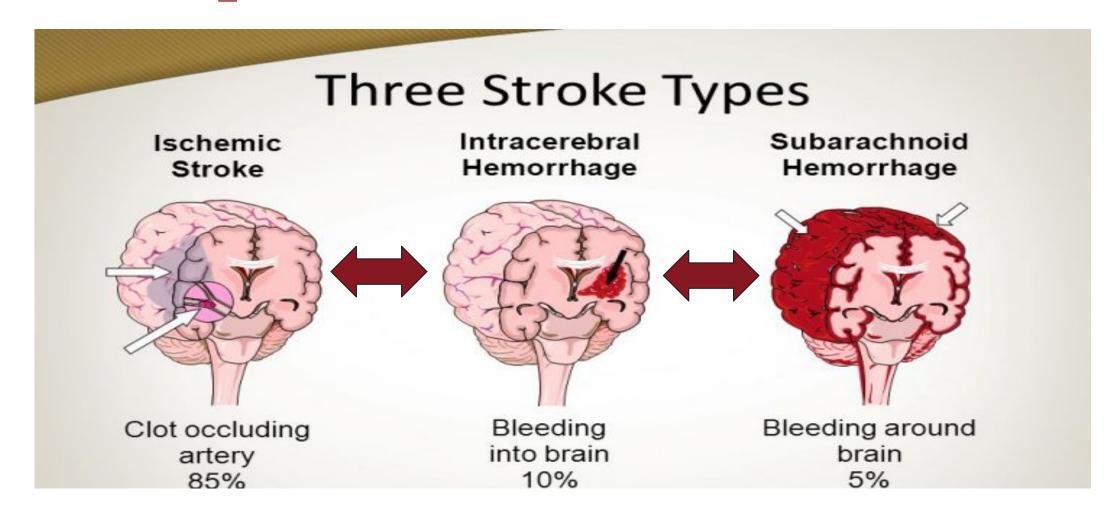
Item	Responses
Motor arm	
Raise both arms	Mild—minor drift Moderate—severe drift Severe—flaccid or no antigravity No weakness—VAN negative
Vision	
Assessment of visual fields, vision, diplopia	Field cut Double vision New blindness None
Aphasia	
Repeat and name two objects Open and close eyes and fist	Expressive Receptive Mixed None
Neglect	
Gaze preference, tactile or spatial neglect	Forced gaze or inability to track to one side Unable to feel both sides at the same time or unable to identify own arm Ignores one side None

Item	Points
Consciousness disturbance	
None	0
Mild	1
Severe	2
Gaze and head deviation	
Absent	0
Incomplete	1
Complete	2
Hemiparesis	
Absent	0
Moderate	1
Severe	2
Total score	0–6

Table 5 Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Severity Scale (CPSSS) ⁶²		
Item	Points	
Gaze		
Conjugate gaze deviation (≥1 NIHSS gaze)	2	
Consciousness/commands		
Incorrectly answers one LOC question and one command on NIHSS (age, current month, close eyes, open and close hand) (≥1 on NIHSS)	1	
Motor arm		
Cannot hold arm up (left, right or both) for 10 s before it falls to bed (≥2 on NIHSS)	1	
Total score	0-4	
CPSSS ≥2: 83% sensitivity, 40% specificity, 0.4 negative likelihood ratio for large vessel occlusion. CPSSS ≥2: 92% sensitivity, 51% specificity, 0.15 negative likelihood ratio for NIHSS score ≥15. LOC, level of consciousness; NIHSS, National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale.		

Singer OC et al. Stroke 2005;36:773-6; Katz BS et al. Stroke 2015;46:1508-12; Teleb MS et al. J Neurointerv Surg. 2016;0:1-5

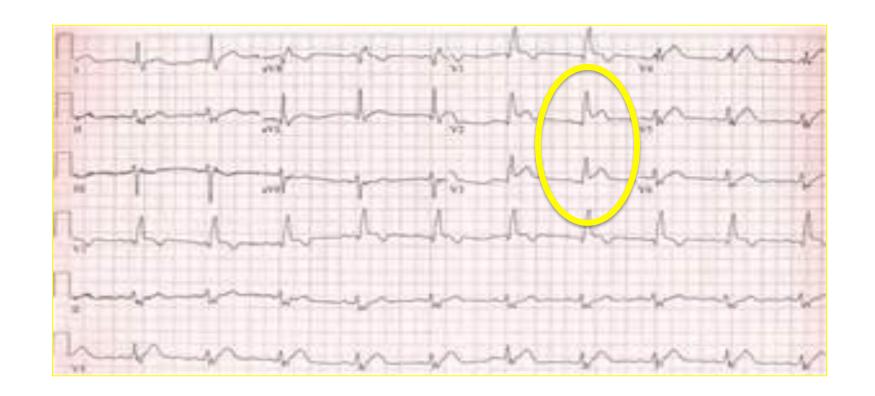
Pre-hospital Stroke is Undifferentiated



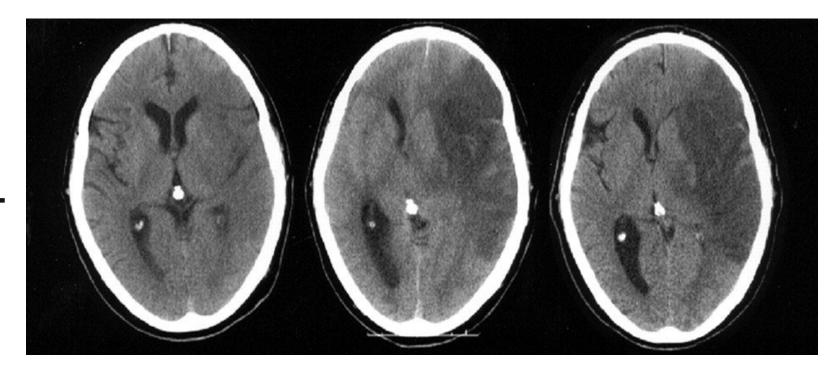
Imaging Selection Stroke Biomarker 2015-Today

Destination Counts

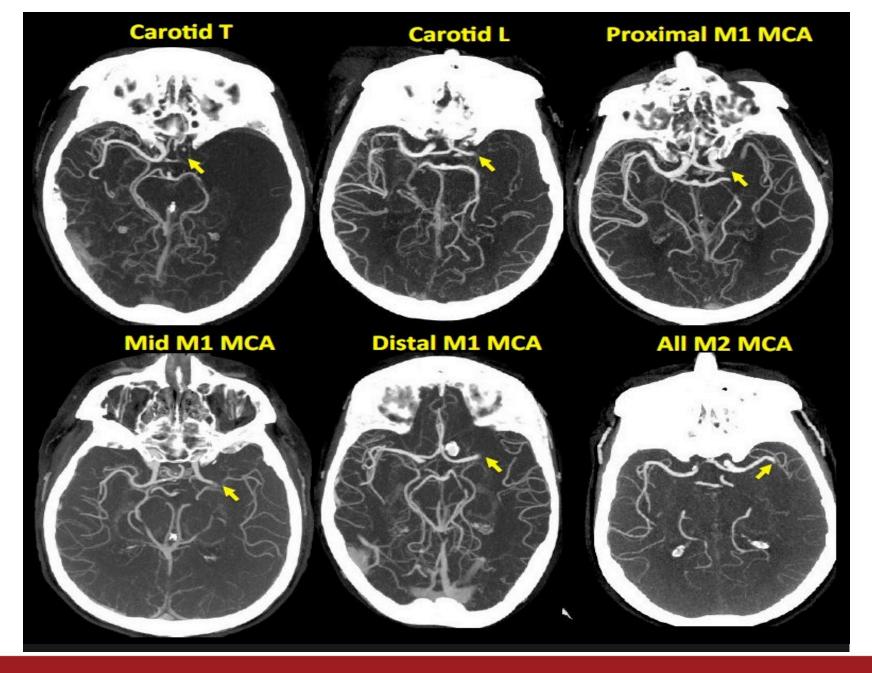
Biomarkers: Other Diseases



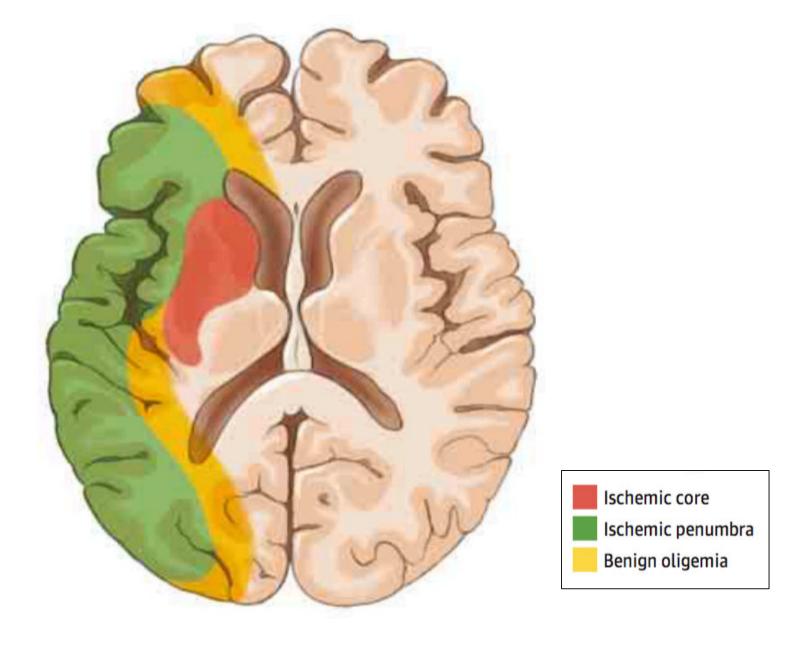
Non-contrast head CT



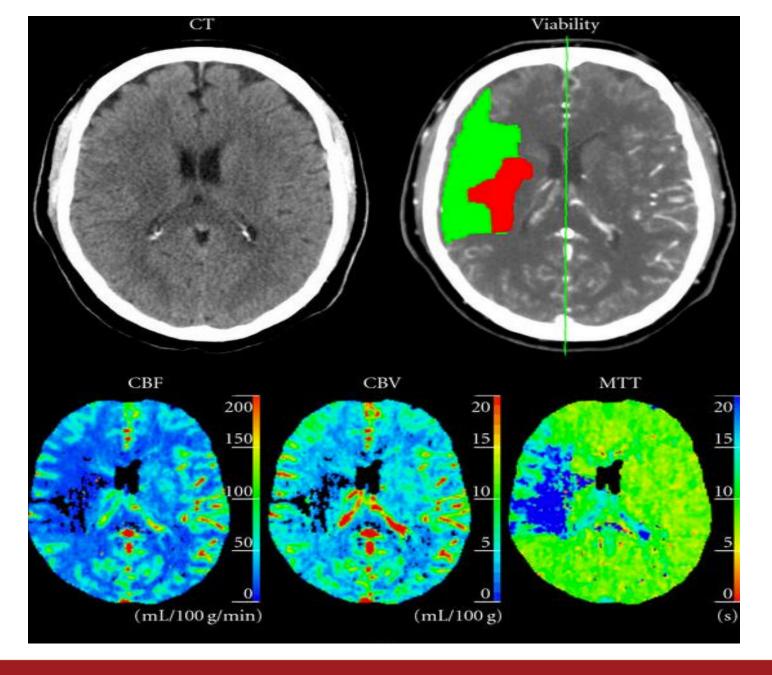
Head/neck CT angiography (With Contrast)



Head CT perfusion



Head CT perfusion

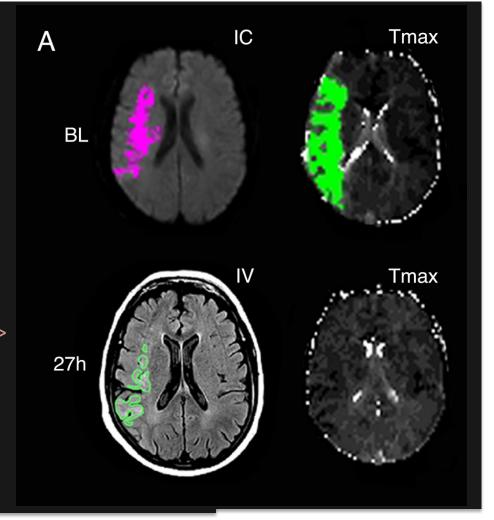


RAPID infarct prediction

RAPID estimation of ischemic core and ischemic penumbra.

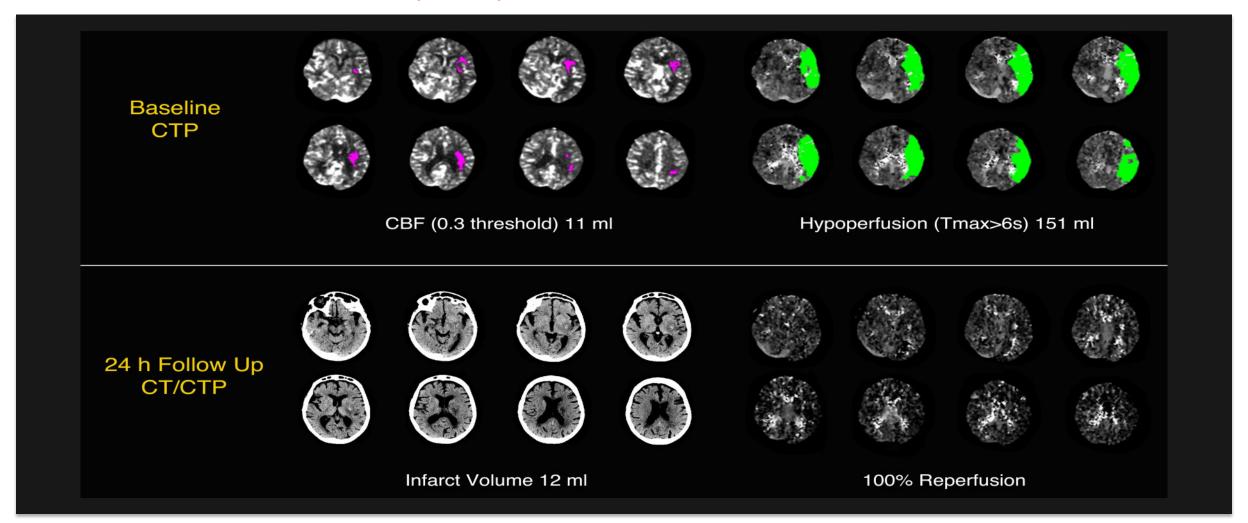
- Ischemic core predicted by critical flow reduction (CBF < 30%); infarction regardless of reperfusion.
- Ischemic penumbra predicted by slow flow (Tmax > 6 seconds); infarction only without reperfusion.

Albers GW, et al. Annals of Neurology, 2015



Example

Small core with complete reperfusion



Vital Role Stroke Center Care EMS Delivery to the Right Place



Anytime Day or Night



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HISTORICAL ED STROKE (FAST) CARE



The Essentials of Stroke Centre Care 24/7/365

- Specialists
 – neurologists, stroke physicians, interventional neuroradiologists, neurosurgeons, nurses
- Stroke Care Available 24 hours a day seven days a week, without exception
- Advanced imaging CT, MRI, Angiography
- Higher volume Shown to lead to Improved Outcomes
- Culture of Quality and Transparency



ED Management: Simple but Effective

- Evidenced-Based Stroke Protocols
- Use inclusion/exclusion checklist
- Neurology available quickly
- Use standard rating scale (NIHSS)
- Point of Care Testing (BG, EKG, INR)
- Imaging available 24/7 with fast interpretation
- Keep Alteplase in the ED close to patients
- Control blood pressure pre/post thrombolysis
- Track time metrics so track performance and improve



Four Levels of Stroke Care (US)

ACUTE STROK READY HOSPI1

(ASRH)

TYPICAL PHASES OF CARE FOR



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TRANSFER TO HIGHER LEVEL OF CAVE IF THE PATER

- Received STA and requires a strake unit Is being considered for a thrombectorry.
- Right person and for higher level of core

Learn more at www.heart.org/certificati

WHEN A STROKE HAPPENS, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVIC CAN MEAN THE

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Initiate early assessments for rehabilitation a

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Secondary complications including siCH that

capability
• Other factors that require a higher level of ca

HOME / LTAC / REHAB / SNF / HOSP

surgical interventions

04 DISCHARGE TO:

. Offer IV tPA to all eligible patients ASA

Get history (LKW), medications, etc.

TYPICAL PHASES OF CARE

01 PREHOSPITAL/EMS

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02 IN THE ED

03 DISPOSITION

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THERE ARE FOUR LEVELS OF HOSPITAL CERTIFICATION FOR STROKE CARE:

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ACCRECATE NO.

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STROKE CENTER (CSC)

WHEN A STROKE HAPPENS, TIME IS CRITICAL, ONCE 911 HAS BEEN CALLED AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) DISPATCHED, A SEAMLESS SYSTEM OF CARE CAN MEAN THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN LIFE AND DEATH.

TYPICAL PHASES OF CARE FOR CSC

PREHOSPITAL/EMS

- Check patients alway, breathing & circulation (ABCs). Purform physical exam, stroke recognition, and stroke
- Get history (LKW), medications, etc.
- Record blood pressure, heart rate, coygen saturation and
- Transport patient to the appropriate stroke center destination
- per the applicable regional stroke routing policy Perform pre-arrival notification to the receiving hospital

IN THE ED

FOR STROKE CARE:

- Team is prepared for patient arrival via EMS from scene or
- If stable, go directly to CT or MRI per site protocol

- tor thromboctomy Otter EVT to all alightle putlents ASAP and alert the BVT
- Expedite rapid transport to endowescular suite if EVT.

03 DISPOSITION

- FOR THROMBECTOMY PATIENTS
- Coordinate anissthesia, OR, radiology and other support teams as needed
- Partism endovascular thrombactomy
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ADMIT TO THE NECESSARY LEVEL OF CARE: MITENSIVE CARE

- All EVT cases, many IV IPA and some entrested stroke
- Patient receives critical care monitoring and interventions. Close Monitoring for complications especially in the first.

- . Some IV tPA and most untreated stroke cases
- Patient receives ongoing reordinateg and interventices
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HOME / LTAC / REHAB / SNF / HOSPICE

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ACUTE STROKE READY HOSPITALS

PRIMARY STROKE CENTERS THROMBECTOMY-CAPABLE

STROKE CENTERS

COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTERS



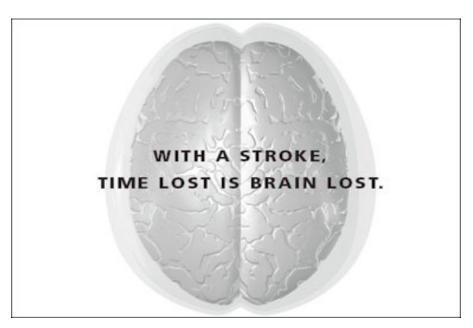
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CERTIFICATION Comprehensive Stroke Center

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Time Is Brain

Patients treated within 60 minutes experience improved outcomes, including lower in-hospital mortality and reduced long-term disability





GC Fonarow et al. *JAMA*. 2014;311(16):1632-1640 Saver et al. *JAMA*. 2013;309(23):2480-8

The New Challenge in Stroke: Reducing stroke to needle times

- Better public education of stroke symptoms
- Better recognition of stroke symptoms by dispatchers
- Reducing on scene time by paramedics
- Taking patients to the right hospital first time
- Pre-alert stroke team and improve efficiency of registering the patient
- Take patient direct to scanner
- Possibly 'scan in van' and telemedicine from ambulance linking to stroke team
- Measuring efficiency by call to needle time (or scan time for non thrombolysable patients) not just 'call to door time'

Better Times



Severity-Based Stroke Triage Algorithm American Heart Association. Mission:Lifeline* for EMS (2019 UPDATE) Stroke EMS Dispatch per LVO regional stroke Suspected? NO ------1. Identify and transport to protocol nearest/closest certified stroke center (ASRH, PSC, Perform stroke TSC, CSC) severity tool used to YES 2. Provide prehospital notification assess for potential EMS on scene: large vessel occlusion Obtain vitals and provide (LVO) ABC interventions Interview witnesses LKW less than - Perform physical exam 24 hours? Determine Last Known and pre-hospital stroke Well (LKW) AND time identification screen 1. Transport to the nearest CSC of symptom discovery 2. Provide prehospital notification Obtain POC blood glucose Initiate stroke YES protocol 1.If additional transport time to a CSC YES Stroke suspected? exceeds 30 minutes, consider - YES -transport to a TSC if within 15 minutes and it will not preclude use of IV Transport to CSC alteplase - NO → adds less than 30 NO 2.If no CSC or TSC within the above time minutes and it parameters, transport to the nearest will not preclude Treat and transport stroke center per regional stroke use of IV as indicated per system of care protocol Stroke NOT suspected alteplase? patient presentation

Teamwork and Collaboration

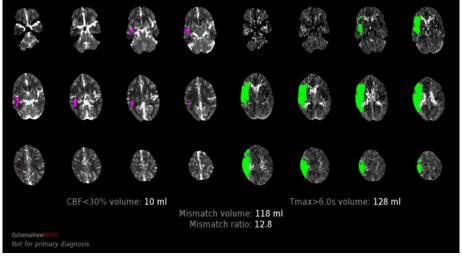


Stroke Care 2018 and Beyond

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- Found in back yard
- LKW maybe 8 hours ago?
- CPSS ++ (face/arm/speech)
- FSBS 106, BP 156/87
- EMS to Local PSC
- Stroke Team activated (NIHSS 13)
- Rapid transfer to CSC (1 hour DIDO)
- Within new extended treatment window
- RAPID CT Performed (favorable)
- Mechanical Thrombectomy performed
- Discharged to Home (NIHSS 1)
- Returns to Work in a Week



ED CT Scan



Summary

- Stroke is common Worldwide
- Pre-hospital Care of the Stroke Patient is Important
- Acute treatment of stroke care can transform a patients life from death or disability to independence
- Technology and treatment options are growing rapidly
- EMS is the link from the community to the stroke centre
- Destination Counts!

Still Many Questions:

What is the Best Stroke Severity Scale?

Should We Triage All Strokes to Thrombectomy Centers?

If We Go First to a Primary Stroke Center, What Should be Done and How Quickly Should They Be Transferred?

What Would be the Implications for the Stroke System of Care if All Patients Went to the Larger Stroke Centers?

How does EMS Know Which Hospital is Providing the Best Stroke Care?

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