



Montana Stroke Initiative Acute Ischemic Stroke Orders

Emergency Department Protocol for Treatment Candidates

(LESS THAN 3 HOURS FROM ONSET)

Patient Name: _____ MR# _____ Date: ____/____/____

Mode of Transport: Private Vehicle EMS Prehospital Screen Used

Times: Symptom Onset or Last Seen Normal: _____

Arrival to Emergency Department: _____

Initiate the following orders:

___ Neurologic Exam now and q30 minutes with NIH Stroke Scale

___ Vital signs now and q15 minutes: baseline temperature

___ Cardiac Monitor

___ O2 per NC or Mask to keep O2 sat >92%

___ STAT Head CT no contrast

___ Two (2) IVs: 18 gauge saline lock

20 gauge – Start 0.9 NS @ 75 cc/hr

___ STAT CBC, BMP, PT/PTT, INR

___ STAT finger stick blood glucose if not already done _____

___ STAT EKG

___ Accurate weight in Kg. _____

___ NPO

___ Foley catheter if severely impaired

___ No heparin, aspirin, or coumadin

BP Management If >185/110 on two separate measurements 15 min. apart

For t-PA Patients ___ Give Nitropaste 1” to chest/back. If no affect in 15 min

Only* ___ Give Labetalol 10 mg IV/1 min. Hold if HR <50. If no effect

___ Give Labetalol 20 mg IV/1 min. Hold if HR <50

Note: If BP not easily controlled with above steps exclude patient from consideration

***Allow BP 220/120 for Non-treatment Candidates**

Labs: If Patient taking warfarin wait for INR before continuing. Patient may be considered for thrombolysis if INR \leq 1.5.

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Date: ____/____/____ Time: _____ Physician Signature _____

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Exclusion Criteria: If any of the following apply, STOP

- CT Brain with any hemorrhage (Note: patients with large hypodensities in appropriate region on CT should be questioned in greater detail regarding true time of onset or last seen normal)
- BP >185/110 at time of treatment
- Minor symptoms (NIHSS <4) or Rapidly improving symptoms
- Clinical history suggestive of subarachnoid hemorrhage even with normal CT
- INR >1.5 or receiving heparin **with** elevated PTT (Note: patients receiving heparin but have a normal PTT prior to treatment may still be considered eligible candidates)
- Platelets <100K
- History of any of the following:
 - Intracranial hemorrhage/Neoplasm/AVM
 - Major surgery in <14 days
 - Stroke or head trauma in last 3 months
 - Arterial puncture at non-compressible site < 7 days
 - GI or GU hemorrhage in last 21 days
 - Lumbar puncture in past 24hrs
 - Recent MI (< 3 wks) w/ or w/o presumed pericarditis
- Glucose <50 or >400 (Note: this may be corrected to see if symptoms resolve. If they do not resolve with normalization of values then patient may be considered eligible)
- Presumed septic embolus

If patient meets all criteria for thrombolysis for acute ischemic stroke call Neurologist if desire patient be transferred.

Administration of IV tPA

**NOTE: Maximum dose is 90mg (see dosing table next page)
Do not use Cardiac Dose
Do not give ASA, Heparin**

Patient weight _____ (kg)
Total dose = 0.9 mg/kg X _____ (weight) = _____ mg
Give 10% of total _____mg over 1 minute Time given _____
Give 90% of total _____mg over 1 hour Time given _____

**Continue to monitor vitals and neurologic exam q15 minutes.
Suspect Intracranial hemorrhage if acute worsening, new severe headache or acute hypertension or sudden nausea with vomiting.**

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Montana Stroke Initiative Modified NIH Stroke Scale

Item Name	Scoring Guide	Patient Score
LOC Questions 1. Age 2. Name	0=Answers both correctly 1=Answers one correctly 2=Answers neither correctly	
LOC Commands 1. Open and close eyes 2. Open and close hand	0=Performs both correctly 1=Performs one correctly 2=Performs neither correctly	
Gaze	0=normal 1=partial gaze palsy 2=total gaze palsy	
Visual Field Cut (homonymous)	0=no visual loss 1=partial field cut 2=complete field cut 3=no vision	
Left Arm Motor	0=no drift 1=drift before 10 seconds 2=falls before 10 seconds 3=no effort against gravity 4=no movement	
Right Arm Motor	0=no drift 1=drift before 10 seconds 2=falls before 10 seconds 3=no effort against gravity 4=no movement	
Left Leg Motor	0=no drift 1=drift before 5 seconds 2=falls before 5 seconds 3=no effort against gravity 4=no movement	
Right Leg Motor	0=no drift 1=drift before 5 seconds 2=falls before 5 seconds 3=no effort against gravity 4=no movement	
Sensory	0=normal 1=abnormal	
Language	0=normal 1=mild aphasia 2=severe aphasia 3=mute or global aphasia	
Neglect	0=normal 1=mild 2=severe	

Total Score (out of 31) _____

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tPA Dosing Guidelines

Weight in lbs	Conversion to kg	Total IV t-PA dose (mg) at 0.9mg/kg	t-PA bolus (mg) 10% of total	t-PA bolus (ml)	Discard dose t-PA (not for infusion)	Infusion dose (mg)	Infusion rate (ml/hr)
220+	100	90	9	9	10	81	81
210	95.5	85.9	8.6	8.6	14.1	77.3	77.3
200	90.9	81.8	8.2	8.2	18.2	73.6	73.6
190	86.4	77.7	7.8	7.8	22.3	70	70
180	81.8	73.6	7.4	7.4	26.4	66.3	66.3
170	77.3	69.5	7	7	30.5	62.6	62.6
160	72.7	65.5	6.5	6.5	34.5	58.9	58.9
150	68.2	61.4	6.1	6.1	38.6	55.2	55.2
140	63.6	57.3	5.7	5.7	42.7	51.5	51.5
130	59.1	53.2	5.3	5.3	46.8	47.9	47.9
120	54.5	49.1	4.9	4.9	50.9	44.2	44.2
110	50	45	4.5	4.5	55	40.5	40.5
110	45.5	40.9	4.1	4.1	59.1	36.8	36.8

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