



UWMC ED - Stroke Code Process Algorithm

Field/Walk-in to UWMC ED

Criteria for Activating Stroke Code:
1. Patients with persistent/stuttering stroke symptoms for < 6 hours, *or*
2. Patients with posterior stroke symptoms for < 12 hours.

ACTIVATE STROKE CODE (To be activated by ED Attending)
Call 2222

Stroke Code Response Team:

- ED Attending
- ED Charge RN
- Stroke Attending
- Neurology On-Call Resident

Notification: "heads up alert" page

- Pharmacy
- ED QI

Secondary Stroke Code Responders:
(by phone calls *in addition to* Stroke Code page)

- Lead CT Tech
- Neuroradiologist (*days*), Radiology On-Call Resident (*nights*)
- UW Medicine Transfer Center

IV tPA candidate

Not a candidate for IV tPA or intra-Arterial intervention

*If patient needs intra-Arterial intervention, Stroke Attending will confirm diagnosis & treatment plan with HMC Stroke Code Team (Neuro IR & Anesthesia)

Administer IV tPA only in discussion with Stroke Attending &/or Neurology

Transfer to HMC