

Walk in Code STROKE: 24-7

Role of the Physician

1. Determine Code STROKE for redirect to Regional Stroke Centre.
 - Confirm significant deficit with witnessed onset time or time last seen normal and ensure < 4.5 hours.
 - *Note: If symptoms are mild, or there are other questions/concerns about the possible indication for patient transfer to the RSC, STAT page the RSC Stroke Neurologist on call to discuss the patient's case.*
2. Sign Code STROKE orders
3. Is the patient stable or unstable for EMS transfer purposes?

“Unstable” for EMS transfer means:

 - A. Requiring ventilatory support, or
 - B. Requiring inotropic support (Dopamine), or
 - C. Having sustained a cardiac arrest at any time in this episode of care
4. Ask Unit Clerk/nurse to phone **416-489-2111 (Toronto EMS)**
Indicate either **“Emergency Transfer Code Stroke stable”** or **“Emergency Transfer Code Stroke unstable”** and the destination hospital¹.

For example: Code Stroke stable North York General Emergency Department to Sunnybrook Emergency Department.
5. Ask RN/team leader to phone and FAX blood results to RN in charge/team leader at RSC emergency department if not available at time of transfer.
6. Pre-notification: Community hospital ED physician to STAT page **Stroke Team/Neurologist on-call** at RSC (if not previously contacted) to notify of Code Stroke transfer on route².

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Community hospitals are associated with the following Regional Stroke Centre's		
St Michael's RSC 416-864-5431 Request Stroke Neurologist on call	Sunnybrook RSC 416-480-4244 Request Stroke Neurologist on call	UHN – TWH RSC 416-790-0277 Request Stroke Team on call
Toronto East General Hospital	North York General Hospital	St Joseph's Health Centre
Rouge Valley Health System	The Scarborough Hospital	Humber River Hospital
		Mount Sinai Hospital
		UHN – TGH

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Regional Stroke Centre ED Phone Numbers for Pre-notification	
Sunnybrook	P:416-480-6100 x88093
St Michael's	P: 416-864-6060 x 2820
UHN-TWH	P: 416-603-5190