

Patient ID Label-Include
DOB:
Contact Info:
Best Phone Number to Reach Patient:
Email Address:

Stroke Prevention Clinic Contact Info:

Hours of Operation:
Triage of Referrals:

GUIDE

Referral Criteria: All patients with a TIA or non-disabling minor stroke who present to a primary care provider, an ED and are discharged, or hospitalized should be referred to a Stroke Prevention Clinic (SPC). The SPC is an outpatient clinic for individuals who have signs and symptoms of a recent stroke or TIA. The goal of the clinic is to reduce incidence of future stroke.

Triage Pathway:

High Risk → Patients who present within 48 hours of suspected TIA or Stroke should receive an **evaluation*** immediately in the Emergency Department (ED)**. If discharged from ED, refer to the local SPC.

Lower Risk → Patients who present after 48 hours of suspected TIA or stroke should receive an **evaluation*** as soon as possible and refer to the local SPC. If stroke symptoms are persistent, admit to hospital.

Likely symptoms of TIA or Stroke: *Sudden persistent or fluctuating or transient symptoms, unilateral motor weakness, speech/language disturbance, unilateral profound sensory loss in two contiguous body segments [face/arm or arm/leg], visual disturbance [monocular or hemi-visual loss or binocular diplopia], and/or ataxia.*

***Evaluation:** Comprehensive clinical assessment, Brain Imaging, Vascular Imaging, Cardiac Monitoring (ECG, Holter or Loop) AND antiplatelet(s) OR anticoagulation started.

****In Ontario, there are a few hospitals that offer a Rapid TIA Clinic where patients are seen immediately and have same day stroke evaluation completed.**

Adapted from the Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations: Click [here](#) for more information.

Carotid Stenosis Consultation Recommendations:

Urgent consultation with (organization to indicate Vascular Surgery or Neurosurgery) for Stroke or TIA with 50-99% carotid stenosis OR elective referral to (organization to indicate Consultant service and/or if Triage by Stroke Prevention Clinic) for remotely symptomatic (e.g., greater than 6 months) or asymptomatic carotid stenosis. Include reason for consultation including date of event, clinical presentation, and history.

- CTA or MRA is completed to confirm candidacy for carotid intervention
- Process to Request:

- Refer also to the Stroke Prevention Clinic

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Accepted Date:
 Re-directed to:

Date: