

# PARAMEDIC PROMPT CARD FOR ACUTE STROKE PROTOCOL

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## Indications for Patient Redirect or Transport Under Stroke Protocol

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***Redirect or transport to a Designated Stroke Centre\* will be considered for patients who:***

Present with a new onset of at least one of the following symptoms suggestive of the onset of an acute stroke:

- unilateral arm/leg weakness or drift
- slurred speech or inappropriate words or mute
- unilateral facial droop

**AND**

Can be transported to arrive at a Designated Stroke Centre within 3.5 hours of a clearly determined time of symptom onset or the time the patient was “last seen in a usual state of health”.

\* **Note:** A Designated Stroke Centre is a Regional Stroke Centre, District Stroke Centre or a Telestroke Centre.

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## Contraindications for Patient Redirect or Transport Under Stroke Protocol

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***Any of the following conditions exclude a patient from being transported under Stroke Protocol:***

- CTAS Level 1 and/or uncorrected Airway, Breathing or Circulatory problem
- Symptoms of the stroke resolved prior to paramedic arrival or assessment\*\*
- Blood Sugar <3 mmol/L
- Seizure at onset of symptoms or observed by paramedic
- Glasgow Coma Scale <10
- Terminally ill or palliative care patient
- Duration of out of hospital transport will exceed two (2) hours

**CACC/ACS will authorize the transport once notified of the patient’s need for redirect or transport under the Acute Stroke Protocol.**

\*\* **Note:** Patients whose symptoms improve significantly or resolve during transport will continue to be transported to a Designated Stroke Centre.