

UCSD Medical Center
Continuous Quality Improvement

STROKE CODE

To be completed on every patient who presents with stroke symptoms (i.e. weakness or numbness on one side of the body, aphasia, slurred speech, difficulty swallowing, visual difficulties, dizziness, or loss of balance, sudden headache).

Addressograph

Nursing completes data in blue

ED physicians completes data in green

Neuro residents completes data in red

Date of ED arrival:

Stroke Code activated? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Time of ED arrival:

if yes time:
(i.e. call to 36111)

Did the patient arrive via EMS? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Suspected time of stroke symptom onset (at admission)

OR ☐ unknown

Record the following times:

ED physician initial exam:

Target: w/in 10 min

Labs drawn:

Neurology Resident or
Attending initial exam:

Sent to CT scan:

Target: w/in 25 min

CT read by neurology
or radiology:

Target: w/in 45 min

Stroke Code canceled? ☐ No ☐ Yes, if yes time:

New diagnosis/reason:

(i.e. seizure, migraine, tumor, hypoglycemia)

Time treatment order given:

Treatment Given:

☐ t-PA; Time given :

Target: w/in 60 min

☐ Refused t-PA; or delay by pt/family

☐ General Work up

☐ Research Protocol

1st dose given at:

Patient Disposition:

☐ Admitted; Time of transfer to bed:

☐ Discharged to home

☐ Other _____

☐ Dead

Target: w/in 3 hrs

****Note:** If unable to meet target times please comment on data sheet.

Completed Forms: mail to Jo Bell, Mail code **8466**, or fax to **37771**

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