

Criteria for use of tPA for acute ischemic stroke⁴**Inclusion**

- Clinical diagnosis of acute ischemic stroke with more than minor deficits
- Within 4.5 hours of onset
- No hemorrhage on CT scan

Exclusion

- History of intracranial hemorrhage
- Stroke or head trauma in the past 3 months
- Major surgery in the past 2 weeks
- GI or GU hemorrhage in the past 3 weeks
- Acute myocardial infarction in the past 3 months
- Arterial puncture at noncompressible site within the past week
- Current use of anticoagulants or evidence of coagulopathy (INR > 1.7, elevated aPTT, platelets < 100,000)
- BP > 185/110 mm Hg
- Minor or rapidly improving symptoms
- Symptoms strongly suggestive of subarachnoid hemorrhage
- Seizure at onset of stroke (if unclear whether residual neurological deficits are post-ictal effect or stroke)
- Multilobar infarct (involving > 1/3 cerebral hemisphere) on CT