



**REFERRAL FORM: STROKE
PREVENTION CLINIC (SPC)
519-376-2121 Ext 2922**

Patient sticker or fill-in

Patient Legal Name: _____ ☐ M ☐ F
Address: _____
City: _____ Postal Code: _____
D.O.B.: ____/____/____ Phone Number: _____
YYYY/MM/DD
Health Card #: _____ Version Code: _____ Exp: _____

Symptom Onset: _____ (date) Duration of symptoms: _____ (min/hours)

Symptoms occurred more than once in 24-hour period. ☐ Yes ☐ No

QUICK SCREEN: Focal neuro symptoms:

- ☐ Unilateral weakness
- ☐ Numbness
- ☐ Blurred, double or temporary loss of vision
- ☐ Loss of speech
- ☐ Loss of balance

Presenting Risk Factors:

- ☐ hypertension* ☐ prior stroke/TIA* ☐ history of A. Fib
- ☐ diabetes* ☐ age >65 ☐ Postmenopausal HRT
- ☐ CAD/prior MI* ☐ current smoker* ☐ obesity (BMI>25)
- ☐ hyperlipidemia ☐ whiplash/manipulation
- ☐ history of sleep apnea
- ☐ failed anti-platelet therapy (already taking ASA)*

☐ HIGHEST RISK (Emergent) If patient **presents within 48 hours** from symptom onset or more than 48 hours with persistent or fluctuating motor or speech symptoms

Head CT (URGENT) Echo
Carotid Doppler (URGENT) 48 hour Holter Monitor
ECG (URGENT)

***** Initiate Antiplatelet therapy if no blood on CT scan

☐ INCREASED RISK (Urgent) If patient **presents between 48 hours and 2 weeks** from symptom onset without persistent or fluctuating motor or speech symptoms

Head CT (within 24hrs) Echo
Carotid Doppler (within 72hrs) 48hr Holter Monitor
ECG (within 24hrs)

***** Initiate Antiplatelet therapy if no blood on CT scan

☐ LOWER RISK (Semi Urgent) If patient **presents after 2 weeks** with isolated sensory symptoms maybe considered less urgent if not accompanied by high risk symptoms

Head CT (within 1 week) Echo
Carotid Doppler (Within 1 week) 48hr Holter Monitor
ECG (Within 1 week)

***** Initiate Antiplatelet therapy if no blood on CT scan

Head CT & Carotid Doppler are Priority Tests – DO NOT Delay booking. Book EDS tests separately if unable to schedule all tests for same day

REFERRING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS PLEASE ENSURE THE FOLLOWING TESTS HAVE BEEN ORDERED AT THE TIME OF REFERRAL:

- ✓ CBC ✓ LUTES ✓ CR ✓ GFR ✓ TSH
- ✓ FASTING BLOOD SUGAR ✓ Hgb A1C
- ✓ CHOLESTEROL, ✓ TRIGLYCERIDES, ✓ HDL ✓ LDL
- ✓ aPTT, ✓ INR, ✓ CK, ✓ TROP, ✓ LIVER FUNCTIONS

ABCD² Score _____

(See back of page for the scoring)

Physician Signature: _____

Print: _____

Physician Phone #: _____

Date: ____/____/____

YYYY MMM DD

FAX COMPLETED FORM TO CENTRAL SCHEDULING 519-376-3952 INCLUDE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (ER RECORD, LAB WORK, DI TESTS, ETC.)

Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA): Prognosis and Key Management Considerations

ABCD² Score

The ABCD² score is a risk assessment tool designed to improve the prediction of short-term stroke risk after a transient ischemic attack (TIA). The score is optimized to predict the risk of stroke within 2 days after a TIA, but also predicts stroke risk within 90 days. The ABCD² score is calculated by summing up points for five independent factors.

Risk Factor	Points	Score
Age ≥ 60 years	1	<input type="text"/>
Blood pressure Systolic BP ≥ 140 mm Hg OR Diastolic BP ≥ 90 mm Hg	1	<input type="text"/>
Clinical features of TIA (choose one) Unilateral weakness with or without speech impairment OR Speech impairment without unilateral weakness	2 1	<input type="text"/>
Duration TIA duration ≥ 60 minutes TIA duration 10-59 minutes	2 1	<input type="text"/>
Diabetes	1	<input type="text"/>
Total ABCD² score	0-7	<input type="text"/>

Using the ABCD² Score

Higher ABCD² scores are associated with greater risk of stroke during the 2, 7, 30, and 90 days after a TIA (Figure). The authors of the ABCD² score made the following recommendations for hospital observation:¹

ABCD ² Score	2-day Stroke Risk	Comment
0-3	1.0%	Hospital observation may be unnecessary without another indication (e.g., new atrial fibrillation)
4-5	4.1%	Hospital observation justified in most situations
6-7	8.1%	Hospital observation worthwhile

[1] Johnston SC, Rothwell PM, Huynh-Huynh MN, Giles MF, Elkins JS, Sidney S, "Validation and refinement of scores to predict very early stroke risk after transient ischemic attack," *Lancet*, 369:283-292, 2007.

