

CVA Fibrinolytic Checklist

Patient Name: _____

Date: _____ PPCR#: _____



Patient must have CT scan within 3 hours of symptomatic onset.



Be sure to check blood glucose level.

Indications for fibrinolytic therapy:

Less than 3 hour onset of CVA symptoms	No	Yes
Last date & time known to be at baseline: _____		
Age >18	No	Yes
Clinical diagnosis of ischemic stroke	No	Yes

Cincinnati Stroke Scale

Facial Droop: (have the patient show teeth or smile).

- Normal - both sides move equally.
- Abnormal - one side of face does not move as well as the other side.

Arm Drift: (patient closes eyes and holds both arms straight out for 10 seconds).

- Normal - both arms move the same or both arms do not move at all.
- Abnormal - one arm does not move or one arm drifts down compared with the other.

Abnormal Speech: (have the patient say, "you can't teach an old dog new tricks").

- Normal - patient uses correct words with no slurring.
- Abnormal - patient slurs words, uses the wrong words, or is unable to speak.

Interpretation: if any 1 of the 3 signs is abnormal, the probability of a stroke is 72%

(Kothari R, et al. Acad Emerg Med. 1997; 4:986-990)

Absolute contraindications to fibrinolytic therapy:

Hx of hemorrhagic CVA or intracranial neoplasm	No	Yes
Hx of CVA within 6 months	No	Yes
Recent (within 2 months) intracranial or intraspinal surgery or trauma	No	Yes
Takes anticoagulants (e.g., coumadin, warfarin)	No	Yes
Recent (within 2 weeks) or active internal bleeding (other than menses)	No	Yes
Pregnancy	No	Yes
Anistreplase or streptokinase administration in last 6 months	No	Yes
Pericarditis or suspected aortic dissection	No	Yes