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King Fahad Medical City



Unit Guide for Stroke Code Activation



What is in the booklet?

- ✓ What is Stroke, Stroke Code, Stroke Code team?
- ✓ Define stroke signs and symptoms
- ✓ How can code stroke be activated?
- ✓ Team responsibilities During Stroke Code
- ✓ Contacts

Stroke is:

Acute neurological impairment that follows interruption in blood supply to a specific area of the brain.

Code Stroke Is:

An emergency response system in KFMC to manage suspected stroke. The system can be activated by dialing pager #2355, which is available twenty-four 24

hours a day/ seven 7 days a week, every day of the year.

Code Stroke Team:

It is an internal group of assigned and trained first responders who can urgently manage and treat acute stroke within 4.5 to 6 hours from onset of stroke.

It is composed of:

- Neurology Physicians
- Neurology Consultant (Head of the team),
Neurology Assistant Consultant, Neurology Resident
- Acute Stroke Unit (ASU) Nurse,
- Radiology Personnel (CT Scan Imaging, MRI and Interventional Department).



Signs and symptoms of stroke include:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm, leg or one side of the body.
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Remember!



Once a patient showed acute occurrence of one of the signs and symptoms within six (6) hours, the Code Stroke Team shall be paged.

Activate Code Stroke if a patient has one or more of the signs and symptoms of stroke and confirmed by Unit/Ward Physician

How to activate Stroke Code?



Directly Page 88-2355

Wait for a response, if you did not receive a call so,
notify Acute Stroke Unit that you have a Stroke Code

Team responsibilities during stroke code

Do the following as ordered by the Unit/Ward

Physician:

- STAT Vital Signs. Notify Physician of the Blood Pressure Reading.
- STAT Random Blood Sugar check by finger stick. Notify physician of blood sugar check results.
- Weigh patient. Use bed scale if unable to stand.
- Extract blood for CBC, platelet count, PT/PTT/INR, and Blood Typing/Cross Matching.
- Obtain urine for pregnancy test. (For females on childbearing age).
- Prepare patient for STAT plain (without contrast should be completed within 25 minutes) CT scan of the brain to exclude hemorrhage.

Do the following after CT Scan per Neurology Physician's order, if patient is a candidate for thrombolytic treatment:

- Insert two (2) Intravenous cannula.
- Do Echocardiogram (ECG).
- Work hand in hand with the Code Stroke Team.
- Do all the necessary Patient Nursing and Physician Documentation.
- Transfer patient to Acute Stroke Unit if ordered.

IF YOU HAVE ANY REGARDS TO STROKE CODE

CONTACT EXT. 16073 - 16061

Time lost is Brain Lost

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