



Prehospital Care Department

UPDATES

4/22/2024 VVMC Stroke Protocols

Stroke Process Ambulance

1

- Pre-arrival notification from EMS with +BEFAST
- "STROKE ALERT" identified

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- Record on patch sheet:
- Time of onset, patient demographics, ETA, VSm BG, any IV access

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- Charge RN or desk tech page overhead "STROKE ALERT ETA ..."

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- Patient arrives at ambulance bay
- Charge RN or desk tech page overhead "STROKE ALERT ARRIVAL"

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- Stroke team and MD meet patient and ambulance in hallway for quick exam & BEFAST

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- Stroke team accompanies EMS to CT with gurney and transport monitor
- Obtain IV access if needed and time allows (**Do not delay CT to obtain access**)

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- Stroke RN receives report from EMS
- Patient removed from EMS stretcher to CT table

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- Patient from CT table to stroke gurney
- Stroke team transports patient to assigned room on monitor

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- Teleneuro evaluation completed at bedside
- Administer TNK if appropriate

ASSIGNED TASKS:

Pre-registration: Apply wrist band

No pre-registration: Stroke tech brings band to CT

Triage RN: STROKE ALERT, VS, Call CT

Stroke Team (RN & EDT): Line and labs, CT on monitor

Charge RN: Assign room, place Teleneuro consult

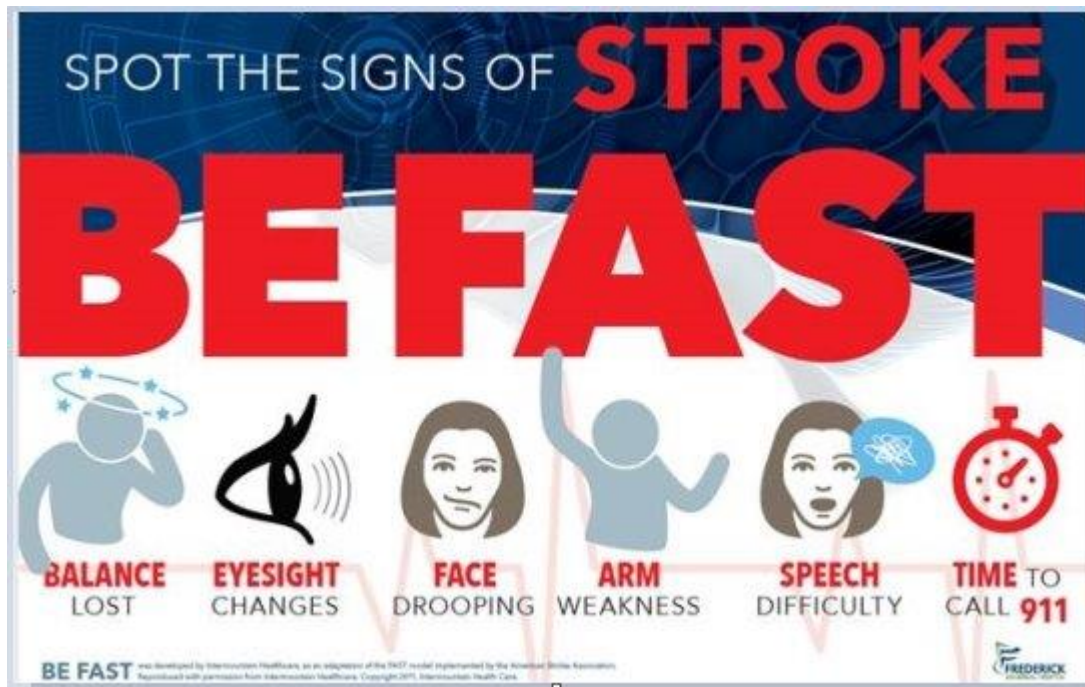
MD: Enter orders, notify in house Neuro if available

BEDSIDE TASKS:

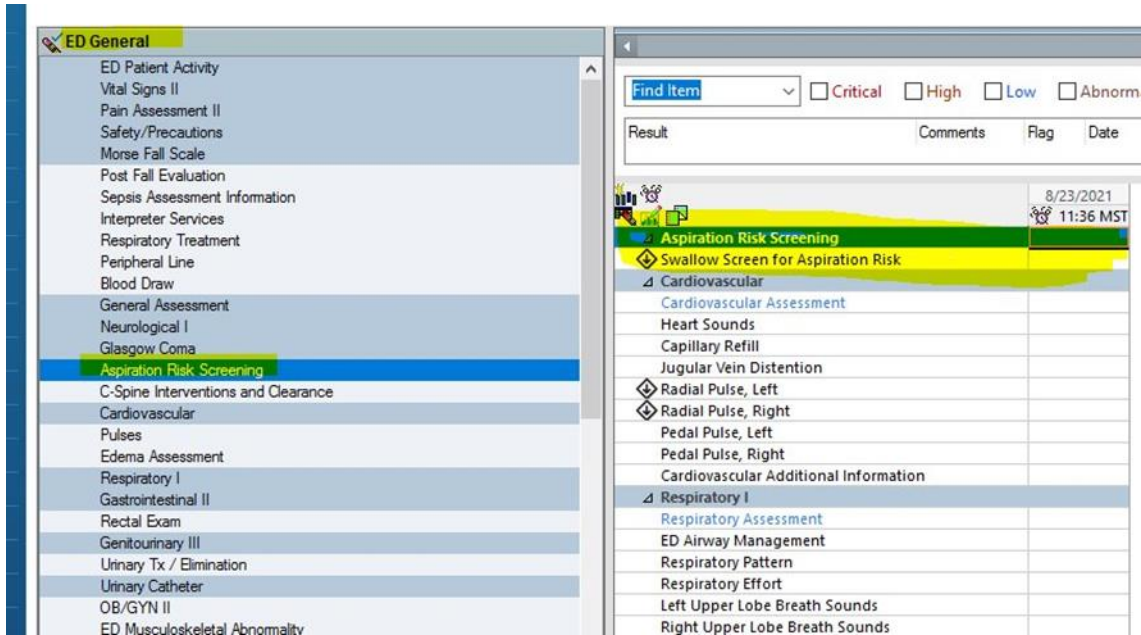
Stroke Tech: EKG and assist with bedside tasks

Stroke RN: Remain at bedside, assist and witness TNK, if appropriate

Primary RN: Document and assist with Teleneuro, NIHSS, and audit form



Aspiration Screening



Stroke Tools

- **Stroke checklist**
- RN to utilize to ensure quality measure are complete (to eliminate fall outs)

VVMC Emergency Department RN Stroke Checklist

RN: _____

Date: _____

1. Time Pt Arrived to ED _____
2. Time Stroke Alert Called _____
3. Time ED MD Bedside _____
4. MD Orders Placed (Y/N) _____
5. Teleneuro Consult Placed (Y/N) _____
6. Time to CT _____
7. IV placed/ labs drawn (Y/N) _____
8. Glucose Result _____
9. Time EKG Completed _____
10. Decision to Treat or Downgrade _____
11. TNK or TPA _____
12. Complete NIHSS+Neuro Assessment Q15min _____
13. Document Aspiration Screen (Even if NPO) _____
14. Time Pt Transferred to Floor _____

Comments:

4/09/2024 Prehospital Care Meeting Minutes

Minutes: Pre-Hospital Committee Meeting, April 9th, 2024.

In Attendance: Debbie Verkyk, Troy Hoke, Bill Boler, Alex Lewis, Dr. Lotz, Buzz Lechowski, Vince Martinez, Jon Gable, Andrew Pierce and Ivan Anderson.

- **Casey Rucker, NAH Director of security:** Follow-up on process change in dealing with combative patients and preventing suicidal patients from running away. No issues identified so far. Bill gave feedback that process appears to be working well. Casey will join us at next meeting to address any issues that may have come up.
- **Larry Kushner, NAH Chief Philanthropy Officer:** Introduced himself and discussed the aim of the philanthropy office and the desire to assist our pre-hospital providers in any which way they can in so far as STB kits, equipment e.c.t. He will be reaching out to each agency individually, to have a one on one, to better understand their individual needs.
- **Vince:** State has published the updated rules.
- **Dr Lotz:** 1) Requested that SFD patch to FMC when 15 min out from FMC ED.
2) Still researching LifeVac for Pre-hospital use as there is not enough data yet.
3) Dean Hoffman from Guardian Air gave Kudos to SFD for a well-handled code.
- **Debbie:**1) We will continue to send out e-mails on Cath Lab availability every Monday.
2) No odd items on EMS Pyxis will continue to monitor.
- **Troy:** Base Station is needing the completed annual training log as well as an annual

training outline from each agency. If you need any assistance please feel free to email or phone me.

- **Buzz:** EMS Training for police K9's is a work in progress..... more to come.
- **Ivan:** AutoPulse working well. Crews making an effort to use it.

NEXT MEETING: July 9th @ 09:00 – 10:30.

1/10/2024 Prehospital Care Meeting Minutes

Minutes: Pre-Hospital Committee Meeting, January 9th, 2024.

In Attendance: Debbie Verkyk, Troy Hoke, Bill Boler, Schelly Lindsey, Dan Elliot, Alex Lewis, Dr. Lotz, Buzz Lechowski, Vince Martinez, Dave Guth and Jon Gable.

- **Casey Rucker, NAH Director of security:** In order to prevent suicidal patients from running away, combative patients assaulting staff and weapons been brought onto our "Weapons free campus", Casey requested that EMS patch in a timely manner with these types of patients. The goal of security is to meet the EMS at the EMS entry to do a rapid assessment on these patients. The ultimate goal is that security as well as an RN and physician will be part of this team to assess and order treatment before patient enters the ED.
- **Vince:** Due to NAH financial constraints, ESO phase 2 is not moving forward at this time.
- **Dr Lotz:** Will be on Paternity leave starting January 26th. He will be available on his phone and will be checking his e-mails. Troy requested that agencies submit the National Registry ASAP for Dr Lotz to approve.
- **Debbie:** CAREMSG app will be updated and go live Jan 15th

: This year in September, the Pre-Hospital Care Emergency Services agreement will be amended with new Medical supply fee. New Medical supply fee will go into effect in October. Troy will start working with Supply chain to work out new fee.

- **Troy:** Prof reading EMS reports before submission
: Increase in respiratory illnesses so please ensure that patients have masks on and that providers are keeping themselves safe by wearing masks. Schelly requested that masks be placed in EMS entrance = Done
- **Buzz and Dave:** Due to statutory changes, there is going to be a change in the way interfacility transports are done at SMC and VVMC. This process will be addressed once Dave and Buzz have a clearer understanding.
- **Jon:** Crews are reporting “odd “items on EMS materials pyxis We will keep our eye on this.

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1/6/2024 VVMC Treatment Guidelines CAREMSG 2024

The new CAREMSG Treatment Guideline go into effect on January 15, 2024.

1/6/2024 Prehospital Care Meeting

Prehospital Care meeting is Tuesday, January 9, 2024 at 0900-1100 on line or in the Resident’s Conference Room at VVMC PHC

1/6/2024 VVMC Operational Manual 2024

The new VVMC Operation Manual is updated for 2024. See Protocols, VVMC Operation Manual 2024.