

Adult Inpatient Acute Stroke

Is your patient having a stroke?

Be concerned if there has been an acute change...think BE FAST

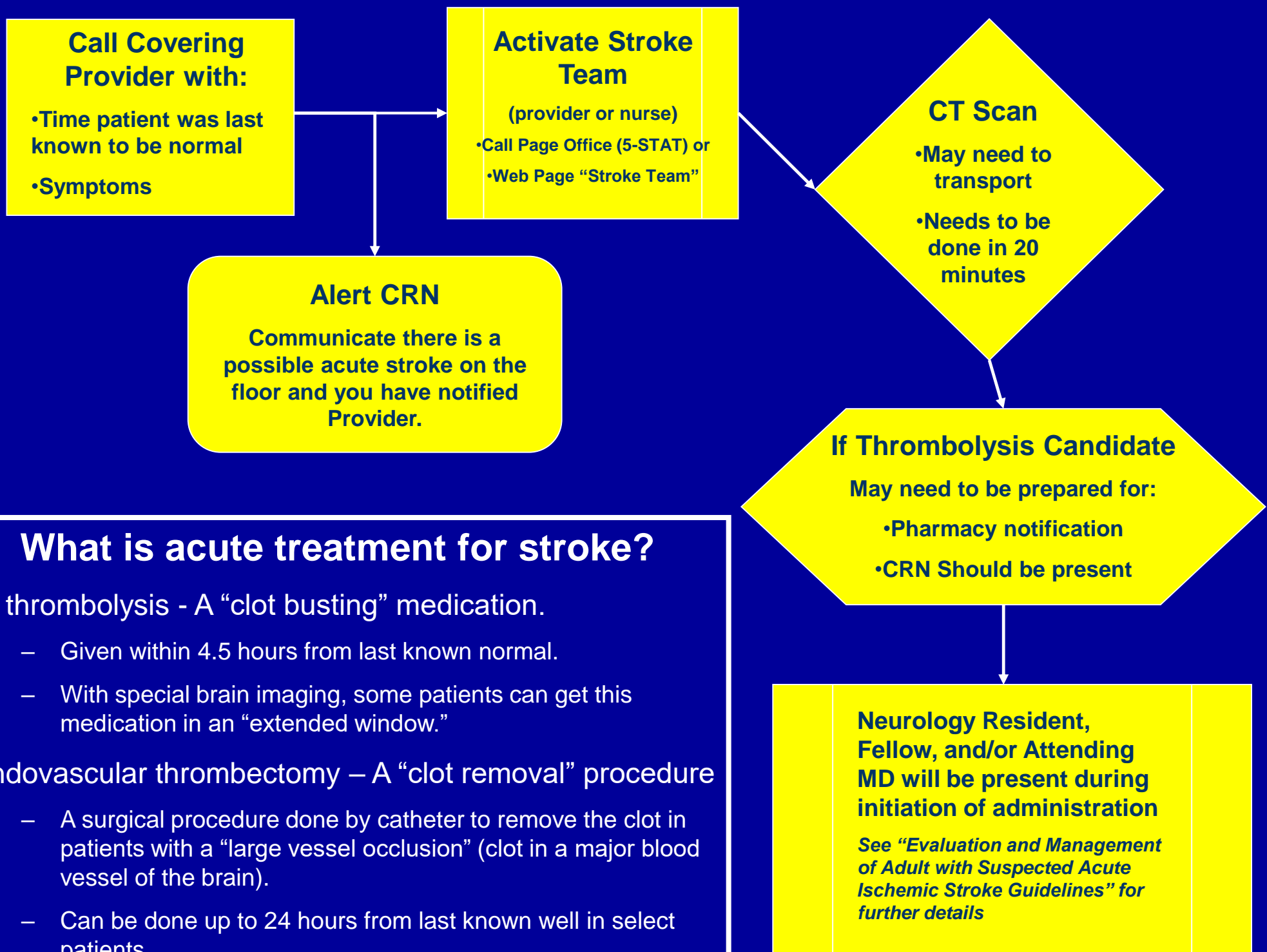
- **B**alance – sudden loss of
- **E**yes – sudden loss, double vision
- **F**ace droops on 1 side
- **A**rm or leg drifts or is weak
- **S**peech is slurred or doesn't make sense

• ***Time to Activate Stroke Team:***

Time is Imperative

All interventions are time sensitive!

- **10 Minutes** for Provider to evaluate
- **15 Minutes** for Stroke Team to arrive
- **20 Minutes** to complete CT scan
- IV thrombolysis (also known as tPA) within **45 minutes**
- Acute interventions for stroke are available up to **24 hours** from last known well, but faster treatment = better outcomes.



What is acute treatment for stroke?

- IV thrombolysis - A "clot busting" medication.
 - Given within 4.5 hours from last known normal.
 - With special brain imaging, some patients can get this medication in an "extended window."
- Endovascular thrombectomy – A "clot removal" procedure
 - A surgical procedure done by catheter to remove the clot in patients with a "large vessel occlusion" (clot in a major blood vessel of the brain).
 - Can be done up to 24 hours from last known well in select patients.

Available Resources:

- "Evaluation and Management of Adult with Suspected Acute Ischemic Stroke Guidelines" Clinical Practice Guidelines
- CRN
- Stroke Team available by Web Page and via 5-STAT