

Monterey County EMS System Policy



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Protocol: Neurological

Non-Traumatic Neuro Impairment Suspected CVA

BLS CARE

Routine medical care

Identify time last well known. Be as specific as possible

Obtain a cell phone number for a family member who can make decisions for the patient, if possible.

ALS CARE

Routine medical care.

Use B.E. F.A.S.T for patient assessment for possible CVA.

- B- Balance. Loss or change in balance or coordination
- E- Eyes. Sudden vision changes
- F- Face. Facial droop
- A- Arm. Arm Drift
- S- Speech. Slurred or confused speech
- T- Time. What time did symptoms begin? When was patient last known well?

Obtain a 12-Lead ECG. Do not delay time on scene to obtain this.

Dextrose up to 25gms IV if blood sugar is less than 70.

Transport patients Code 3 with positive B.E.F.A.S.T. findings and last known well time of 20 hours or less, and patients with stroke/ TIA symptoms that have resolved directly to a designated Stroke Receiving Center.

NOTE:

Scene time should be kept to 15 minutes or less.

Contact the closest designated Stroke Center as early as possible to allow them time to prepare for the patient's arrival. Inform the hospital that a "Stroke Alert" is being transported. Provide patient name and date of birth only if using the telephone.