

## Stroke Prevention Rapid Referral

Site Referral From:  GNG  SCS  WHS  PCG  DMH

### Check all boxes that apply:

- Transient Garbled / Slurred / Absence of Speech  Yes
- Unilateral Weakness  Yes
- Occurred in the Last 24 Hours  Yes

### IF PATIENT MEETS ABOVE CRITERIA, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

- 0800–1600 Monday to Friday, phone 905–357–0086 to secure an appointment.
- After hours, weekends and holidays call GNG Emergency Department 905–378–4647 ext. 43456 and leave a message containing patient name and referring physician.
- Fax completed referral form, including demographics and clinical information to Neurology/Stroke Clinic at 905–357–9230 **Attn: Rapid Referral.**
- Instruct patient to attend the GNG Neurology/Stroke Clinic located in the main hospital on the first floor (purple line) at given appointment time. They will be seen by the Stroke Neurologist. **Please note** there is no Sunday service. Potential Sunday patients will attend the Monday following their event.
- Give patient tear off appointment card/directions.

### IF PATIENT DOES NOT MEET ABOVE CRITERIA:

- Fax completed referral form to 905–357–9230.  
The patient will be seen as an outpatient in the Stroke Prevention Clinic.

### Please consider the following investigations and check box (✓) if completed.

Labs:  CBC  PTT  INR  Lytes  LFTs  CK  LDL  hsCRP  
Diagnostics:  CT Head  ECG

### Please check the box (✓) if you have started one of the following antithrombotic medications.

- acetylsalicylic acid (EC ASA®) 81 mg PO daily (loading dose of 160mg if not on ASA previously)
- clopidogrel 75mg (Plavix®) PO daily (to achieve a rapid onset for clopidogrel, load with 300mg PO) (Limited Use Code 411)
- dipyridamole/ASA 200mg/25mg (Aggrenox®) one capsule PO BID (Limited Use Code 349)

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Referring Physician (Print)

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Referring Physician (Signature)

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Date (dd/mm/yyyy)



Please direct questions  
regarding the referral to  
**905-357-0086**



The Emergency Department has referred you to The Stroke Neurologist

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Date/Time of Stroke Rapid Referral Appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

**COVID -19 NOTICE:**

**During the COVID-19 Pandemic, your initial assessment will be by phone with the Stroke/Neurology team. They will call you on the number you provided in the ED.**

**If you cannot attend the appointment for any reason, please call 905-357-3644 to reschedule.**

if you develop any acute symptoms, of stroke, including inability to speak, inability to walk, a weakness of numbness in half the body or sever headache, please call 911

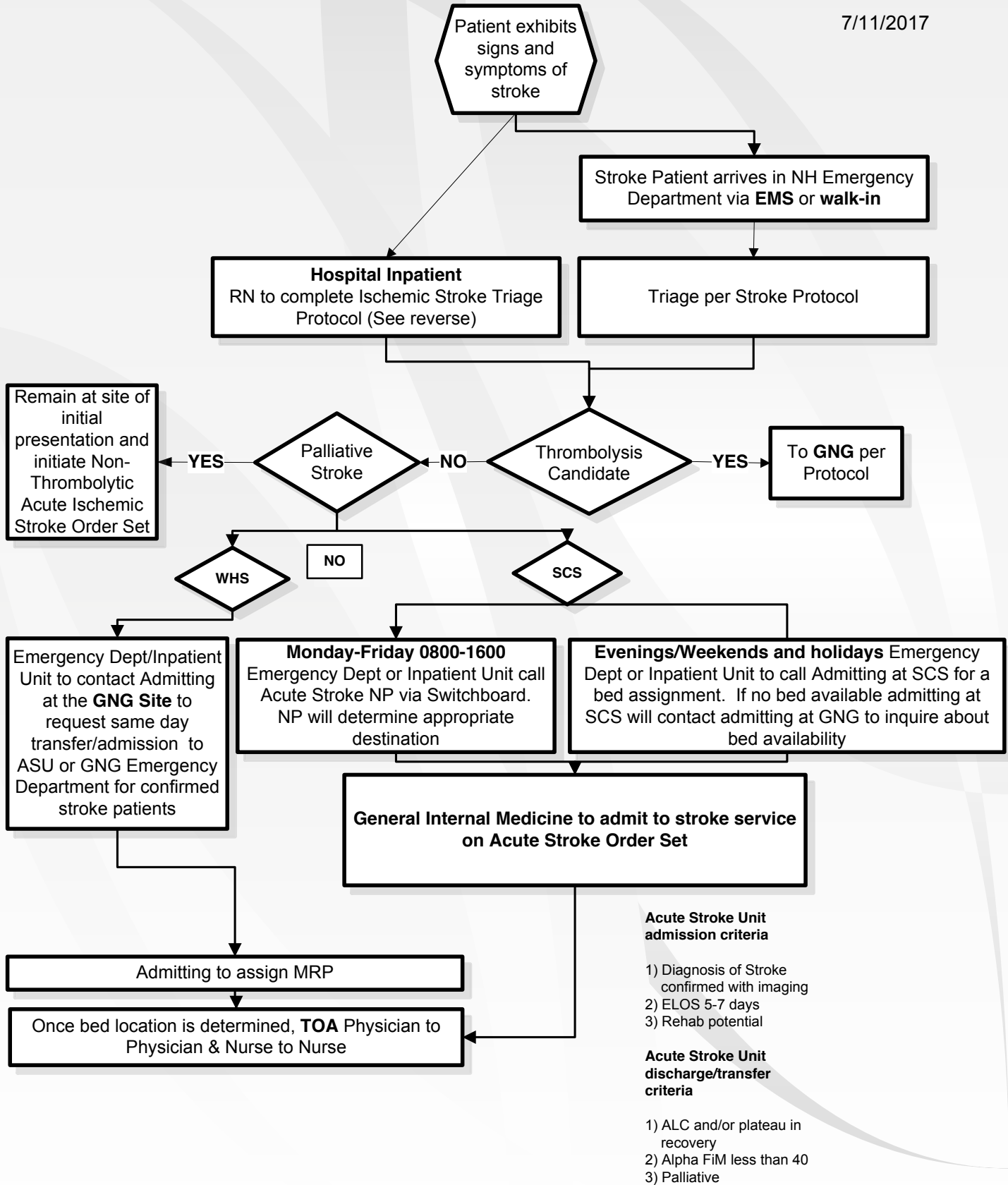
If you have any questions please speak with the emergency department physician or nurse who attended you.

Your family doctor is the best way to access medical care and acts as the central person in your overall healthcare. If you do not have a family doctor, we strongly advise you to get one. You can find help at [www.niagaradocs.ca](http://www.niagaradocs.ca) or by calling HelathCareConnect at 1-800-445-1822. The city of St Catharines provides similar information on their website [www.stcatharines.ca](http://www.stcatharines.ca) or by calling 905.359.6043.

Thank you

# Niagara Health Stroke Process

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## Accessing Stroke and Neurology Services

Program/ Service	Eligibility Criteria	Referring Physician	Contact Information
<b>Stroke Rapid Referral</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Unilateral Weakness</li> <li>2) Speech disturbance</li> <li>3) Visual disturbances</li> <li>4) Symptoms within last 24-48 hours</li> </ol>	Generally ED Physician (Best practice suggests TIA patients seen in this clinic vs. admission to hospital)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Monday-Friday 0800-1600; Call 905-357-0086 for appt.</li> <li>2) After hours and holidays call 53456 (GNG ED) to have patient added to list for next day Rapid Referral (no Sunday service).</li> <li>3) Fax relevant info to: 905-357-9230 <b>ATTN:</b> Rapid Referral</li> </ol>
<b>Secondary Stroke Prevention Clinic (SSPC)</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Post-tPA</li> <li>2) Post Thrombectomy</li> <li>3) Minor stroke/TIA discharged home</li> <li>4) t/u Rapid Referral</li> <li>5) Patients with symptoms at Family Physician</li> </ol>	ED Physicians, Hospitalists, Internal Medicine and Family Physicians	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) If inpatient seen by Neurology call ext.:55556 for appt. at SSPC.</li> <li>2) Complete Stroke Prevention Clinic Referral in Meditech and EFR (patients who have not yet seen Neurology)</li> </ol>
<b>Hyperacute (Emergent) Stroke Neurology Consult</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Those patients who may be eligible for tPA or Embolectomy (witnessed stroke symptoms or last seen normal time within six hours)</li> </ol>	ED Physician, Hospitalists, Internal Medicine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Unit/Department to call MRP</li> <li>2) MRP to contact Stroke Team GNG Emergency Department Physician ext. 53456 to initiate TOA and transfer to Stroke Centre for thrombolysis/embolectomy evaluation</li> </ol>
<b>Acute Stroke Unit Neurology Consult</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Those patients admitted to the Acute Stroke Unit (GNG or 2A)</li> </ol>	MRP on Acute Stroke Unit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Meditech Order Entry</li> <li>2) Call Neurology Office 905-357-0086 with patient information</li> </ol>
<b>Acute Stroke Unit Physiatry Consult</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Those patients admitted to the Acute Stroke Unit (GNG or 2A)</li> </ol>	MRP on Acute Stroke Unit	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Meditech Order Entry</li> <li>2) Call ext. 85306 with patient info</li> </ol>
<b>General Neurology Consult</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Those patient who need a non-urgent Neurology consultation</li> </ol>	ED Physician, Hospitalists, Internal Medicine	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Meditech Order Entry</li> <li>2) Fax Neurology Referral to 905-357-9230</li> <li>3) Call Neurology Office 905-357-0086</li> </ol>