

## STROKE PREVENTION RAPID REFERRAL

Check all boxes that apply:

Transient Garbled / Slurred / Absence of Speech	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>
Unilateral Weakness	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>
Occurred in the Last 24 Hours	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Yes</b>

**IF PATIENT MEETS ABOVE CRITERIA PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:**

- 1) 0800-1600 Mon–Fri phone 905-357-3644 to secure an appointment.
- 2) After hours and weekends call GNG Emergency Department 905-378-4647 ext. 53456 leave a message containing patient name and referring physician.
- 3) Fax completed referral form including demographics and clinical information to Neurology/Stroke Clinic 905-357-9230. **Attn:** Rapid Referral
- 4) 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 Monday following their event.
- 4) Give patient tear off appointment card/directions.

**IF PATIENT DOES NOT MEET ALL ABOVE CRITERIA:**

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

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

Labs <input type="checkbox"/> CBC, <input type="checkbox"/> PTT, <input type="checkbox"/> INR, <input type="checkbox"/> lytes, <input type="checkbox"/> LFTs, <input type="checkbox"/> CK, <input type="checkbox"/> LDL and <input type="checkbox"/> hsCRP Diagnostics <input type="checkbox"/> CT Head <input type="checkbox"/> ECG
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Please check box (✓) if you have started one of the following antithrombotic medications.

<input type="checkbox"/> EC ASA 81 mg PO daily (Loading dose of 160mg if not on ASA previously) <input type="checkbox"/> Clopidogrel 75mg (Plavix) PO daily (to achieve a rapid onset of action for Clopidogrel, load with 300 mg PO) (Limited Use Code 411) <input type="checkbox"/> Dipyridamole/ASA 200mg/25 mg (Aggrenox) one cap PO BID (Limited Use Code 349)
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Referring Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ (print) \_\_\_\_\_ (signature)



Please direct questions regarding the referral to  
**905-357-3644**

The Emergency Department has referred you to The Stroke Neurologist



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

### INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Bring all medications you are currently taking.
2. Enter the main entrance of the Greater Niagara General Hospital (5546 Portage Road, Niagara Falls).
3. Continue up the main hallway and take the elevator down to the first floor.
4. Follow the purple line to the Neurology/Stroke Clinic.
5. If you are unable to attend, please call 905-357-3644 at any time and leave a message with the registry.

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

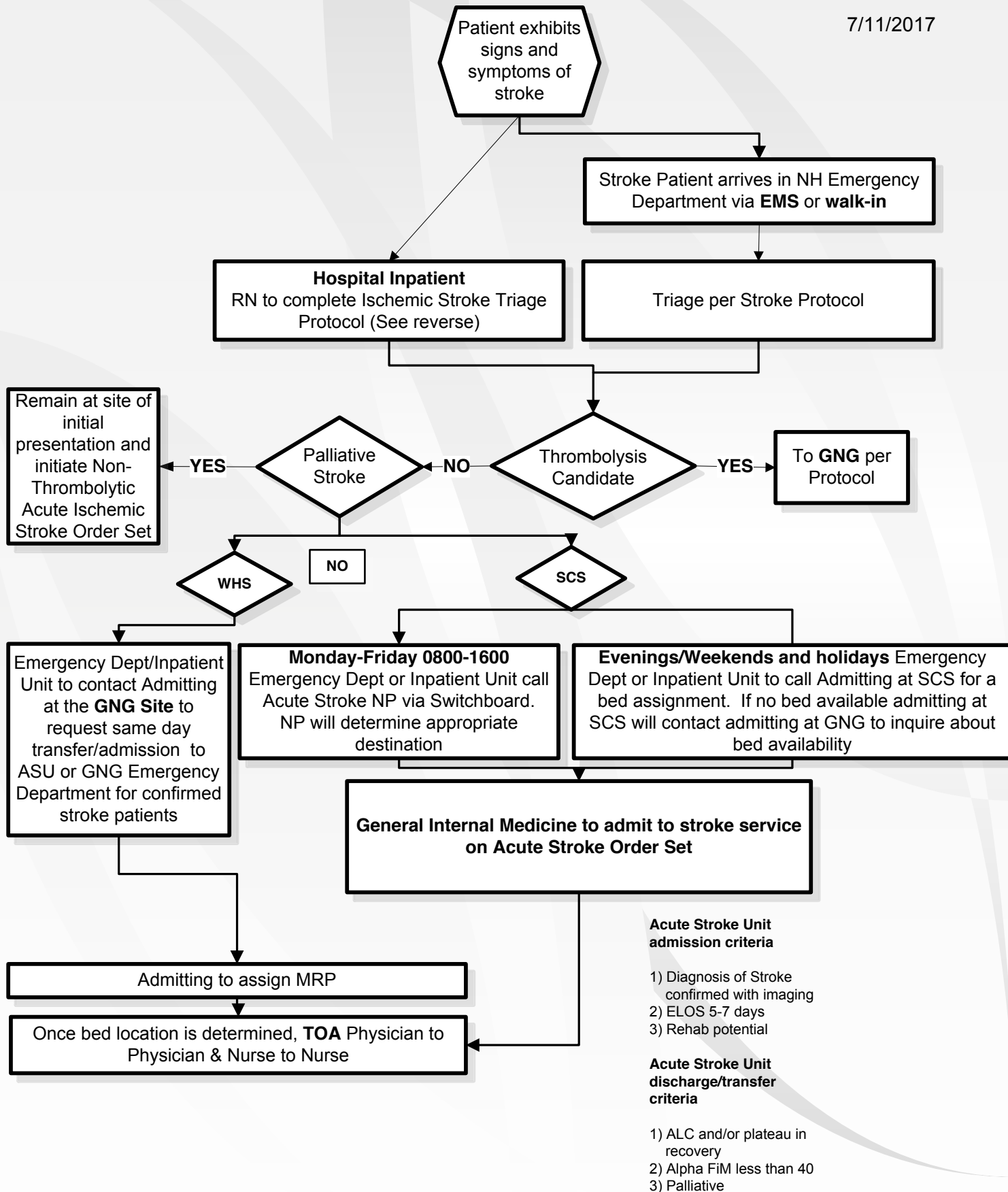
If you have any questions please speak with the emergency department physician or nurse who attended you.

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) f/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>