



Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh

Department of Emergency Medicine

CVA Orders

use after Brain Attack Orders if CT negative for bleed for use in DEM **only**

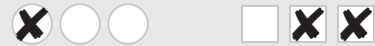
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Mandatory

Draw a line through, initial and date all changes.

If generically equivalent medication is not acceptable., then write "brand necessary."

Circles: one and only one. Squares: one, many, or none.



Initial Orders

Continue all previous DEM Brain Attack Orders

Vital Signs

Vital Signs and mini NIH Stroke Scale Q 5 minutes x3

Consider Systemic Thrombolysis

Clearly defined onset of symptoms within the past 3 hours?

Yes Complete **Thrombolysis Checklist**, below

Unknown

No Skip to **CVA Treatment**, page 2 §

Thrombolysis Checklist: Absolute Criteria

All must be checked to give systemic thrombolytics. If unable to check any box, thrombolysis is not appropriate: skip to next page.

Acute ischemic CVA, NIH Stroke scale 6-19

Age > 18 years

No seizure at onset/reason to suspect SAH

No known bleeding diathesis

No LMWH or heparin with increased PTT

No neurosurgery/major head trauma in 3 mo.

No CNS aneurysm, AVM, bleed or neoplasm

No major surgery or trauma within 14 days

No LP within 7 days

No active GI/GU bleeding within 21 days

BP ≤ 185/110 now

Platelets > 100,000

INR < 1.8

No hemorrhage on CT read by neuroradiologist

Thrombolysis Checklist: Relative Criteria

If cannot check all, relative contraindication to systemic thrombolysis

Not rapidly improving neurological status

Glucose 50-400

Not pregnant

No early signs of infarct (edema, sulcal effacement) on CT

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Resident/PA/CRNP:

Date:

Sign:

Time:

Print Last Name:

Attending emergency physician (required):

Date:

Sign:

Time:

Print Last Name: