



TIME CRITICAL DIAGNOSIS

SUBJECT: Stroke Patient Classification Guidelines	Chapter: 4 Hospital-Stroke
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DISTRIBUTION: All Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Department and Designated Stroke Center Personnel.

PURPOSE: To distinguish suspected stroke patients by the onset of symptoms in order to guide the transport to the appropriate designated stroke center.

Emergent Group

Immediate life threat

Otherwise categorize patients based on the following **times last known well**

Group I: Lytic/Therapeutic Window

< 3 hours

Group II: Potential Therapeutic Window

3-6 hours

Group III: Out-of-Therapeutic Window

>6 hours