

Memo

To: All agencies
From: PAEMS Office
Date: November 15, 2012
Re: Stroke information

If you have a patient that is a stroke or a suspected stroke there are two important pieces of information that the Neurologist would like the providers to report during the call in, and document on the Patient Care Reports: the **time of onset of symptoms** and a **stated weight**.

The time of onset of symptoms is an important piece of information that helps give the Neurologist the best plan of care for the incoming patient. Early notification also helps streamline the process and get the diagnostic test done needed to take care of the patient, rerouting blood flow to area of the brain that had been occluded.

Early notification of a stated weight will allow the Emergency Department to prepare for the use of TPA and any other weight based medications that may be given. Early preparation will allow for faster initiation of these medications.

If you have any questions please let me know.

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