Call 1-800-322-8442 (UI Consult) to activate CODE STROKE if:

Patient criteria:
Presence of any of these symptoms and the patient was last normal less than six hours ago:

- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face
- Sudden numbness or weakness of the face and arm
- Sudden numbness or weakness of an arm and leg
- Sudden difficulty speaking or understanding
- Sudden trouble seeing
- Sudden trouble walking or loss of balance

Acute Care:

- Stabilize patient—vital signs, intubate if unable to protect airway
- Obtain accurate time of symptom onset or time patient was last normal
- Locate next of kin if patient can’t provide history or consent
- NIH Stroke Scale or rapid neurologic exam
- STAT lab results: CBC, INR, PTT, glucose, creatinine
- STAT EKG
- STAT non-contrast head CT

Consultation/Transport: see back of card
Follow these steps:

1. Call 1-800-322-8442.

You can request to be immediately connected to a stroke neurologist.

3. Provide the following to expedite treatment and transfer:
   - History of illness, including symptom onset time and medications
   - Air transport needed
   - Vital signs (BP, weight)
   - NIH Stroke Scale (or brief exam)
   - Lab results (CBC, glucose, coagulation studies)
   - CT scan results
   - Phone number to reach next of kin upon patient arrival at UI
   - Consider IV thrombolytic therapy if onset less than 3 hours ago
   - Send with patient or fax:
     - patient’s clinical notes
     - treatments
     - CT scan
     - lab results

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