**ALABAMA STROKE SYSTEM – HOSPITAL ENTRY**

Alabama Trauma Communications Center (ATCC)

Emergency: 1.800.359.0123 or 205.996.5230 Non-emergency: 205.975-2400

**Procedure: Stroke System Entry – Call early! Enter any patient having signs/symptoms of a stroke arriving by POV or EMS, if EMS has not entered the patient into the stroke system.**

**Hospital Role**  **ATCC Role**

**A – Listen to Caller**

* Record the information
* Place the patient in stroke system.

**A – Identify**

* You / Your organization
* Location (County) of patient
* Age & Sex of the patient
* How did patient arrive at the hospital?

**B –Record**

* Request & record needed information for stroke system & receiving hospital
* Provide an ATCC # to the hospital.

**B – Assessment**

* A – Airway: is it clear, non-patent, intubated, etc.
* B – Respiratory rate, Pulse Ox. reading, symmetry
* C – Peripheral Pulses present or not? Pulse Rate, Blood pressure
* D – AVPU, GCSS (ATCC will help score if needed)

E – Any co-morbids: Hypertension, TIA, past stroke, birth control pills, past head injury, family history

* F - EMSA findings: See EMSA Card
* G - Glucose level
* H – Determine “Last known well” time
* I – Initial diagnosis

**C – Contact**

* Contact the chosen available stroke hospital & provide the report.
* Link the transferring & receiving doctors if patient is stable.
* Link the transferring and receiving doctors upon request of either party as requested (stable or unstable).

**Transport/Transfer Decisions**

* Transport/Transfer stroke system patient to closest available (green), appropriate stroke hospital
* Consult with ATCC for requested hospital status
* Follow ADPH OEMS Air Ambulance Services guideline, if applicable

**C – Decisions**

* If your hospital is not in stroke system – ask ATCC about closest available stroke hospital & request availability for transfer.
* If your hospital is in stroke system - determine if transfer is needed and if yes, choose transportation type (air/ground).
* Estimate time of transport
* Obtain the patient historian’s cell phone number and provide to ATCC to provide to receiving hospital.
* Request an ATCC patient number

\*\* Note – if an EMS stroke patient arrives that has not been entered into the stroke system, the hospital should call ATCC and enter the patient into the system.

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