The UNC Comprehensive Stroke Center offers Intra-Arterial (IA) therapy for Acute Ischemic Stroke. Candidates for IA Therapy may include patients who are not candidates for IV alteplase (tPA), and in certain cases as a part of combination therapy (IV tPA + IA Therapy). Because of a 24 hour time window, patients transported from outside hospitals, MUST arrive to UNC by 23 hours from the time they were Last Known Normal. Patients are identified as ‘Code IA Stroke’ by the UNC Stroke Attending on the UNC Transfer Center Call. The information you provide on this sheet is vital to help minimize any delays.

***Immediately upon acceptance to UNC, fax patient’s facesheet to 919-590-6376 STAT***

- **Time Last Known Normal:** __________

- **Verify Arrival Time to UNC is Within IA Treatment Window**
  - Time of arrival to UNC should be ≤ 23 hours from time Last Known Normal.
  - If arrival time will be >23 hours, STOP and notify the UNC Stroke/Neurology Attending via the Transfer Center (855-752-4862) prior to transport.

- **Date/Time of IV tPA Administration (if applicable):** __________
  - Weight: __________   Bolus Dose Given __________   Infusion Dose Given __________
  - Excess (non-dose) tPA removed from vial prior to administration? Y or N
  - Date/Time(s) of any anti-hypertensives given: ______________________________

- **Images uploaded to UNC PowerShare folder (if applicable) and on CD placed in Transfer Packet**

- **Provide most recent NIH Stroke Scale:** ________ Date/Time: __________

- **Provide most recent Creatinine:** ________ Date/Time: __________

- **Two Large Bore IVs – at least one 18g in Antecubital**
  - at least one 18g in AC, the other may 20g or larger

- **Gown Only - Clothing/Jewelry/Valuables Removed**

- **Transfer Packet (imaging CD, discharge summary, labs, and chart) available for transport team upon arrival**

- **Call nurse-to-nurse report to UNC IA Stroke Nurse: (984) 974-6158 (backup 984-974-1420)**

- **Name and Phone Number for Next of Kin: ______________________________**
  - If patient is unable to give consent themselves, advise next of kin to be in a place where they can be guaranteed to be reached at the phone number provided. Advise them not to risk being en route where they cannot be reached - they will need to be contacted for consent prior to procedure start.

- **Give report at bedside**

- **Provide transport team with copy of this checklist & Transfer Packet**

- **If transport agency is not Carolina Air Care, provide transport team with Transport Checklist for Code IA Stroke Cases**

- **Notify Stroke Attending via UNC Transfer Center (1-800-806-1968) of any changes in patient status**

Post-Case: Feedback/ideas for process improvement may be sent to:
Nicole Burnett, Stroke Program Manager nburnett@unch.unc.edu
Matthew Johnson, Stroke Coordinator matthew.johnson2@unchealth.unc.edu
UNC Comprehensive Stroke Center:  
Transport Checklist for Code IA Stroke Cases

Key Background Information:
- UNC Stroke Center offers Intra-Arterial (IA) therapy for Acute Ischemic Stroke
- Candidates for IA Therapy may include patients who are not candidates for IV tPA, and in certain cases as a part of combination therapy (IV tPA + IA Therapy)
- Because of a 24 hour time window, patients transported from outside hospitals, MUST arrive to UNC by 23 hours from the time they were Last Known Normal

- Verify Arrival Time to UNC is Within IA Window
  - Time of arrival to UNC should be < 23 hours from time Last Known Normal.
  - If arrival time is >23 hours, STOP and notify the UNC Neurology Attending via the Transfer Center (1-800-806-1968) prior to transport.

- Verify Date/Time of IV tPA Administration (if applicable): ____________

- Two Large Bore IVs – at least one 18g in Antecubital
  - at least one 18g in AC, the other may 20g or larger – may be placed en route if feasible

- OSH IA Checklist and Transfer Packet (imaging CD, D/C summary, labs, chart)

- Gown Only - Clothing/Jewelry/Valuables Removed

- Name and Phone Number for Next of Kin: ______________________________
  - If patient is unable to give consent themselves, advise next of kin to be in a place where they can be guaranteed to be reached at the phone number provided. Advise them not to risk being en route where they cannot be reached - they will need to be contacted for consent prior to procedure start.

- Upon Departure from Outside Facility:
  - Call UNC IA Stroke Nurse (984) 974-6158* and CAC ** with ETA

- 10 minutes prior to arrival:
  - Call UNC IA Stroke Nurse (984) 974-6158* and CAC** with updated ETA

*Backup phone if no answer: NSICU Charge Nurse (984) 974-6159 or NSICU Nurses Station 984-974-1420

**For Mutual Aid (non-Carolina Air Care) Providers, please call 984-974-2944

- Meet UNC IA Stroke Team at the CT Scanner
  - located adjacent to Main UNC ED

- Give report to team at bedside

- UNC IA Stroke Team will assume care

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