

## Transient Ischaemic Attack Referral Protocol

High risk TIA patients have an 8% risk of stroke within 24 hrs and a 12% risk of stroke in 7 days.

All TIA patients are considered at high risk (RCPG2016).

<b>Patient details</b>	Name:	DOB:	Age:	
Address:				
Telephone:		NHS Number:		
Next of Kin Name:		Next of kin Contact no:		
<b>GP details</b>	Name:	<b>Event dates/times</b>	Date	
Practice:		Onset of index event		
		GP assessment		
Practice Number:		Referral received		
Alternative Priority Number:				
<b>Atypical onset features</b>			<b>Yes/ No</b>	
<p>If 'Yes' to any of these at onset, TIA is an unlikely diagnosis, so consider alternative referral route. If in doubt discuss with Stroke Consultant of the day on Radiopage via switchboard at <b>WRH 01905 763333</b></p>			Gradual onset or spread of symptoms	
			Seizure or loss of consciousness	
			Transient amnesia	
			Isolated vertigo with no other cranial nerve features	
<p><b>Brief description of attack.</b> Please also attach referral letter with details of PMH, DH, allergies, etc, as necessary</p> <p>Please use ABCD<sup>2</sup> Score as it will help us to prioritise appointments (our aim is to offer appointments within 24 hours of referral for every patient)</p>		ABCD <sup>2</sup> score (please enter score of 0,1 or 2)		
		<b>Age</b>	60 years or older = 1 Less than 60 years = 0	
		<b>BP</b>	Systolic ≥140 or diastolic ≥ 90 = 1 Systolic <140 & diastolic < 90 = 0	
		<b>Clinical features</b>	Unilateral weakness = 2 Speech disturbed without weakness = 1 Others = 0	
		<b>Duration</b>	60 minutes or longer = 2 10 - 59 minutes = 1 < 10 minutes = 0	
		<b>Diabetes</b>	Known diabetic = 1 Not known to be diabetic = 0	
		Amaurosis fugax (visual signs)		
		Retinal Artery Occlusion		
		<b>Enter total score (score range 0-7)</b>		

**Referral  
algorithm**

Is the patient currently  
experiencing symptoms?

Yes

No

**Acute stroke pathway  
Call 999**

Do not give aspirin

Every patient needs to be aware about the driving regulation (not to drive until discussion in the TIA clinic)

Advise patient they will have a telephone call to book the appointment

Advise patient to present to A&E as emergency if further symptoms occur

**Please review if the patient is on anticoagulation**

Yes

No

**Patient needs a CT head scan immediately.  
Please contact the Stroke Consultant on call  
to organise the urgent CT head scan. If OOH,  
contact Medical Registrar on call (bleep 698)**

**Give Aspirin 300mg stat and then 300 mg OD until review in clinic** (unless contraindicated). If contraindicated then consider stat dose of clopidogrel 300mg then 75mg clopidogrel

And **send referral** either by fax or email

Fax referral to: **01905 733153**

Email referral to: [Wah-tr.TIAReferrals@nhs.net](mailto:Wah-tr.TIAReferrals@nhs.net)

TIA clinic internal number: **30685**