

Suspected TIA?

Are the symptoms still present (esp. FAST positive)?

Yes

ACTION: TREAT AS ACUTE STROKE

1. Complete form to send with patient
2. Call ambulance
3. Contact Stroke team at
St George's Hospital 0208 672 1255
Bleep7317

No

Refer to TIA clinic using referral form based on ABCD²

TIA Clinic Referral

Local protocols will differ depending on availability of open access clinics or appointment systems (see list on next page)

- **Complete clinical information on referral form**
- Start aspirin 300mg and give first dose unless CI
- Give Lifestyle management advice
- Advise patient not to drive until assessed at TIA Clinic
- Advise patient to call 999 if they have a further event

If ABCD² score ≥ 4 – High risk TIA

If ABCD² score < 4 – Low risk TIA

NB Treat as High Risk TIA:

If patient has had 2 or more events in the last 7 days
or
are on Warfarin
or
=< 40 yrs with likely TIA/stroke and neck pain
or
TIA symptoms and have prosthetic valve and are under anti-coagulated

Assess the risk of Stroke

ABCD ²	score
Age < 60 years	0
60 or above	1
B lood pressure	
SBP > 140mm Hg or DBP > 90mm Hg	1
BP below these levels	0
C linical features	
Any unilateral weakness (face/ hand/arm/leg)	2
Speech disturbance (without motor weakness)	1
Other weakness	0
D uration of symptoms	
> 60 minutes	2
10-59 minutes	1
< 10 minutes	0
D iabetic	
Yes	1
No	0