

ALABAMA STATE COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
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CHAPTER 420-2-3
ALABAMA STATEWIDE HEALTH SYSTEM FOR STROKE

420-2-3-A Appendix A Stroke Center Designation Criteria.

Appendix A: Stroke Designation Criteria

Alabama Department of Public Health
Office of Emergency Medical Services

Statewide Trauma and Health Systems-Stroke Designation Criteria

Master Checklist

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HOSPITAL ORGANIZATION

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Stroke Service Director

Physician Medical Director for stroke services

Neurology¹

Emergency Medicine

CLINICAL CAPABILITIES

Emergency Medicine (10 minutes)

Vascular Neurosurgery

24/7 on-call neurology or, a physician with expertise and experience in diagnosing and

Internal Medicine

Cardiology

FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Emergency Department

Emergency Medicine Specialists

Emergency Department available 24/7

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	Stroke Treatment Protocols in place that define tPA administration	
	Level II	Level III
Pharmacy with tPA in stock 24/7	E	E
Written plan for higher level of care for patients who require it	E	E
Equipment		
Airway control and ventilation equipment	E	E
Pulse oximetry	E	E
End-tidal CO2 determination	E	E
Suction devices	E	E
Electrocardiograph	E	E
Standard intravenous fluid administration equipment	E	E
Sterile sets for percutaneous vascular access (venous and arterial)	E	E
Gastric decompression	E	E
Drugs necessary for emergency care	E	E
X-ray availability	E	E
CT availability and interpretation in 45 minutes	E	E
Angiographic suite available	E	E
Two-way communication with emergency vehicles	E	E
Sterile ventriculostomy tray readily available if NS coverage	E	-
Operating suites adequately staffed (within 30 minutes of stroke alert)	E	-
Post anesthetic recovery room available	E	-
Intensive Care Unit or dedicated bed for stroke patients	E	-
Personnel		
Designated Medical Director	E	-
Specialists with privileges in critical care in-house or on-call	E	-
Monitoring equipment		
Telemetry	E	-
Pulse Oximetry	E	-

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Level II	Level III	
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APPENDIX

¹Neurology: A physician with experience in diagnosing and treating stroke is defined as a licensed physician who is board-certified or board-eligible (BC/BE) in emergency medicine or neurology through the American Board of Medical Specialties, or who is BC/BE in another specialty, but has a minimum of 8 hours of stroke related continuing medical education (CME) annually.

Level I Comprehensive Stroke Center Guidelines

To be recognized as a Level I Comprehensive Stroke Center, a hospital must be certified by the Joint Commission as a Comprehensive Stroke Center or equivalent and maintain status with the ATCC.

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