DIRECT TO CT PREHOSPITAL STROKE FIELD TRIAGE WORKSHEET

This worksheet is designed to facilitate stroke field triage. If significant delay in completing this form, STOP and transport to nearest Primary Stroke Center.

Patient Name: _____ DOB: _____

Next of Kin Name: _____ NOK Phone: _____

Is acute stroke suspected by Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale (CPSS)?

Exclusions:

☐ The patient is unstable (Airway, Breathing and Circulation compromised)

☐ Blood glucose < 60 mg/dl (If under 60 treat as per PA ALS Protocol, if symptoms remain consider Direct to CT)

☐ Patient has an active DNR (e.g. PA out of Hospital DNR, MOLST)

DIRECT TO CT IS RECOMMENDED TO THOSE PATIENTS THAT MEET (CPSS) CRITERIA

☐ Face - Facial droop present,

OR

☐ Arm - Upper extremity arm drift present (arms extended/ palms up),

OR

☐ Speech - Inability to say, "The sky is blue in Pennsylvania" normally

AND

☐ Time - Time of symptom onset < 4.5 hours (_____hrs. last seen normal at _____: _____)
(Medical Command may alter the time requirement or consider patients outside of parameters)

IF DIRECT TO CT IS INDICATED CONTINUE WITH THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE:

1. Initiate a 20 gauge or greater size IV in the right AC vein with a hep lock, and one 20 g or greater size IV at NSS at a KVO rate. (**Primary focus should be on the Right AC Hep Lock**)
2. Obtain finger stick glucose to rule out hypo/hyperglycemia (Results: _____)
3. Obtain standard lab specimens in order of draw
4. Contact On-Line Medical Control (OLMC) to request a Pre-Hospital Stroke Alert with Direct to CT.
   a. During dialogue with Medical Command Physician the following must be included in the report. (***Paramedics request for Direct to CT with the above indicators along with the patients name and date of birth)***
5. PA Transfer of care form must be completed for quick registration prior to arrival (At a minimum: Name, DOB, Address, and if possible SS#)
6. Upon arrival at the Emergency Department a physician will meet the patient and perform a quick assessment.
7. Once physician confirms direct to CT EMS will be directed to the CT scanner to await transfer
8. Once patient care is transferred, insert lab specimens into the specimen bag and complete the specimen label

Please complete this form in its entirety and leave a copy with the patient.