

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 Tooting
0208 672 1255 **Bleep 7317**

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 >3 – 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