









## Emergency Department Stroke Triage Tool - Bunbury Hospital

### TRIAGE 1

- Any patient with stroke and altered mental status
- Any patient with stroke and potential airways compromise
- Any patient with stroke and unstable

### TRIAGE 2 - Any patient with symptoms of stroke present or resolved

B.E.F.A.S.T					
BALANCE	EYES	FACE	ARM	SPEECH	TERRIBLE HEADACHE
					
Have you had any sudden loss of balance?	Have you had any sudden loss of vision in one or both eyes?	Can you show me your teeth, raise your eyebrows, close your eyes?	Can you raise both arms?	Has your speech been slurred or have you had difficulty understanding others?	Have you got a terrible headache?  Is this the worst headache of your life?

Infographic reference: BEFAST.org

#### ALL PATIENTS

- Must have a finger prick BGL (blood glucose level) done at triage or on first vital signs
- If BGL < 3.5 mmol/L it should be urgently corrected
- Neurological examination and Vital signs fully documented
- Document time of symptoms ONSET

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