



Emergency Department Stroke Triage Tool - Busselton 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

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| BALANCE | EYES | FACE | ARM | SPEECH | TERRIBLE HEADACHE |
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| 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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