

# STROKE



Scene time should be less than 10 minutes and it is imperative that EMS personnel attempt to document the contact information for someone who can provide a history of the illness.

## BLS:

1. Initiate [General Patient Care](#).
2. Position patient with head and chest elevated or position of comfort.
3. Administer oxygen to maintain normal oxygen saturation.
4. Suction as necessary and be prepared to assist ventilations.
5. Complete [Cincinnati Stroke Scale \(Appendix B\)](#).
6. Make telemetry contact with the receiving facility. Patients with a positive Cincinnati Stroke Scale shall be transported, based on the preference of the patient, to one of the following facilities:
  - a. Desert Springs Hospital
  - b. Southern Hills Hospital and Medical Center
  - c. Spring Valley Hospital Medical Center
  - d. St. Rose Dominican Hospitals - San Martin Campus
  - e. St. Rose Dominican Hospitals - Siena Campus
  - f. Summerlin Hospital Medical Center
  - g. Sunrise Hospital and Medical Center
  - h. Sunrise MountainView Hospital
  - i. University Medical Center
  - j. Valley Hospital Medical Center
6. If the patient does not have a preference, the patient shall be transported to the closest of the above facilities.
8. If, in the judgment of prehospital personnel, the transport time to one of the above facilities would be detrimental to a critically ill / unstable patient, the patient should be transported to the closest Emergency Department.
9. The patient may be transported to a non-designated facility:
  - a. At the request of the patient if deemed stable by the EMS provider; or
  - b. The incident is greater than 50 miles from the closest stroke facility; and
  - c. The receiving facility and physician are contacted and agree to accept the patient.



**ILS:**

10. If airway is not manageable by BLS methods, consider use of a [Supraglottic Airway Device](#) as indicated by patient condition.
11. Attempt [Vascular Access](#).
12. Obtain glucose reading: treat hypoglycemia per [Altered Mental Status](#) protocol.

**ALS:**

13. If airway is not manageable by BLS methods, follow [Advanced Airway Management](#) protocol, as indicated by patient's condition.
14. Place patient on cardiac monitor; treat any underlying dysrhythmias according to applicable protocol.
15. Continue [General Patient Care](#).