Cerebrovascular Accident (CVA, Stroke)

Pre-Medical Control

MFR/EMT/SPECIALIST/PARAMEDIC

1. Follow **General Pre-hospital Care Protocol.**

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2. Measure blood glucose
   A. If blood glucose less than 60 mg/dl treat per **Altered Mental Status Protocol**.

3. If seizure, follow **Seizure Protocol.**

4. Utilize the Cincinnati Pre-hospital Stroke Scale. Try to elicit the following signs:
   A. Facial droop (have patient show teeth or smile)
   B. Arm drift (have patient close eyes and hold both arms straight out for 10 seconds)
   C. Abnormal speech (have patient say the sky is blue in Michigan)

5. Document time last seen normal (for patient).

6. Minimize scene time and begin transport.

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7. Initiate vascular access.

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8. Monitor EKG. (**DO NOT** delay scene time for IV and EKG monitoring.)

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9. Make contact with destination hospital, notify as soon as possible.