

VC EMS TRAINING BULLETIN

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*Ventura County
Emergency Medical Services Agency*



“STROKE ALERT”

Patients may go directly to CT scanner

Effective June 15, 2014



The Ventura County Stroke Committee is in the process of evaluating our “Hospital arrival to brain image interpretation interval.” In an effort to minimize this interval, you may be asked to take an identified “Stroke Alert” patient directly to the CT scanner upon arrival to the ED. Currently the median interval is 31 minutes for the first quarter of this year.

Please be prepared for the following:

- ◆ Go to the ED as usual, a nurse will be assigned to your patient and accompany you to the CT scanner.
- ◆ Give report to the nurse, transfer your patient from your gurney onto the CT scanner platform, and then return to service.
- ◆ If there is any delay, such as the CT scanner not being readily available, or a nurse not immediately available, you will not be expected to wait. You will take your patient to a monitored bed and give report as usual.
- ◆ REMEMBER-This is ONLY for “**STROKE ALERT**” patients.

Thank you for your help to improve the care of our Stroke patients!

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