

Patients from other Nassau or Suffolk County emergency departments with acute ischemic stroke or non traumatic hemorrhagic bleeds should be accepted immediately by the ED attending. These patients will be brought to the emergency department. If the patient has an acute ischemic stroke, **both** the on call cerebrovascular neurology and the cerebrovascular interventional attending must be notified and either physician or both can be conferenced in with the sending physician. If the patient has a non traumatic hemorrhagic bleed then only the cerebrovascular interventional attending needs to be notified.

In the event that an attending physician accepts a patient in transfer from another emergency department that has not been coordinated by the transfer center, the transfer center will notify the ED attending that a transfer has been accepted.

The infusion of tPA can be initiated at the referring hospital and continued in the ambulance. tPA should not be withheld for the purposes of transfer.

If the cv neurology/cv interventional attending would like specific patient treatments, in addition to the standard imaging studies, initiated upon arrival at the ED then he/she must contact the ED attending in the critical care area of the ED and discuss the case with him/her. The transfer center can facilitate this physician to physician communication.

The following patients should not be accepted by the ED attending but instead EMS will contact the on call cv neurology and the cv interventional attending for ischemic stroke patients and the cv interventional attending for non traumatic hemorrhagic bleeds to determine if acceptance is appropriate.

- Inpatients from other hospitals
- Any patient being referred from a hospital outside of Nassau or Suffolk County

Patients accepted in transfer that are coming from an inpatient unit will await transfer until an inpatient bed at Stony Brook is available. If the accepting attending feels that the patient should come to the emergency department then the accepting attending will speak with the ED attending to approve the transport of the patient to the emergency department.