**ORANGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES**
BASE HOSPITAL TREATMENT GUIDELINES
**SUSPECTED ACUTE STROKE OR INTRACRANIAL HEMORRHAGE (SNRC TRIAGE CRITERIA)**

## BASE GUIDELINES

1. If either of the following two sets of criteria is met and blood glucose is above 80, Patient should be routed to Stroke- Neurology Receiving Center destination:

   – **Ischemic Stroke Suspected**:
   All of the criteria below must be met:
   - ✓ No seizure prior to or during arrival, **and**
   - ✓ Last seen normal or at usual neurological baseline within past 7 hours, **and**
   - ✓ Glasgow Coma Score 10 or greater, **and**
   - ✓ Arm (pronator) drift or facial paresis.

   – **Intracerebral Hemorrhage Suspected**:
   Sudden, severe headache with onset in past 7 hours with any one of:
   - ✓ Vomiting (repeated), or
   - ✓ Neurological deficit (hemi-paresis or weakness, gaze to one side, or asymmetric pupils without prior eye surgery), or
   - ✓ Altered mental status, or
   - ✓ Marked blood pressure elevation (diastolic > 100 mm Hg).

2. A patient who awakens from a sleep period of more than 7 hours with ischemic stroke symptoms is considered to have an unknown time for onset of stroke and should be transported to the nearest ERC.

3. Base contact required on all Stroke-Neurology Receiving Center triage designations to allow for alerting receiving facility to prepare to immediately accept patient.

## ALS STANDING ORDER

1. Base Hospital contact if patient meets Stroke-Neurology Triage Criteria (see below).

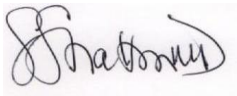
2. Give no fluid or solids orally (may be risk for aspiration); dissolving Ondansetron in mouth is appropriate.

4. Pulse oximetry, if oxygen saturation less than 95%:
   - ► *Provide high flow oxygen by mask as tolerated.*

5. Perform blood glucose analysis, if blood glucose less than 80, administer either of:
   - ► *50% Dextrose 50 mL IVP, may repeat once if blood glucose remains less than 80.*
   - ► *Glucagon I mg IM if unable to establish IV.*

6. For nausea or vomiting:
   - ► *Ondansetron (Zofran®): ODT 8 mg (two 4 mg tablets) to dissolve in mouth as tolerated.*

7. If patient does not meet Stroke-Neurology Triage Criteria, ALS escort to nearest ERC.

Approved: 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