
TRANSPORTATION PROCEDURES AND DECISIONS

Acute Stroke

If the historical/physical findings indicate an acute stroke, transport the patient to the closest appropriate Stroke Center as determined by Appendix Q, unless:

- The patient is in cardiac arrest or has an unmanageable airway;
- The patient has other medical conditions that warrant transport to the nearest appropriate New York City 911 system ambulance destination emergency department as per protocol;

If the patient has a NYC S-LAMS score of ≤ 3 , transport patient to the closest appropriate Primary Stroke Center.

If the patient has a NYC S-LAMS score of ≥ 4 , contact OLMC for Transport Decision to the closest Thrombectomy Stroke Center^{*}, unless Stroke Exclusion Criteria are met:

- Total time from onset of patient's symptoms to EMS patient contact is greater than 5 (five) hours
- Patient is wheelchair or bed-bound
- Seizure is cause of symptoms
- Loss of Consciousness (LOC)
- Trauma is cause of symptoms
- Transport time to Thrombectomy Stroke Center is > 30 minutes

* See Appendix R for list of Thrombectomy Stroke Center Hospitals.