

STROKE (CVA)

UNIVERSAL ALGORITHM

- Scene Safety
- PPE
- ABCs
- Administer Oxygen per Policy 580

Thrombotic Stroke

Hemorrhagic Stroke

- Characterized by sudden onset
- Usually painless

- Patient's condition may continue to deteriorate rapidly
- Patient may complain of head pain and have nausea and vomiting

- Reassure/calm patient
- Position of comfort
- Obtain vital signs
- Obtain medical history
- Gather medications or list

- Obtain accurate time of onset and description of event to relay to the emergency department
- Remember that aphasic CVA patients often understand – always communicate with your patient