
Forsyth County EMS

Skill Procedure: Stroke Screen – Cincinnati

	MR / EMT	
	Expanded Scope EMT	
	EMT-I	
	EMT-P	

Clinical Indications:

- A. Suspected Stroke Patient

II. Procedure:

- A. Assess and treat suspected stroke patients as per protocol.
- B. The Cincinnati Pre-hospital Stroke Scale completed for all suspected stroke patients (see appendix).
- C. There are three screening criteria items on the Cincinnati Pre-hospital Stroke Scale.
- D. Screen the patient for the following criteria:
 - 1. Facial Droop
 - Normal: Both sides of face move equally
 - Abnormal: One side of face does not move at all
 - 2. Arm Drift
 - Normal: Both arms move equally or not at all
 - Abnormal: One arm drifts compared to the other
 - 3. Speech
 - Normal: Patient uses correct words with no slurring
 - Abnormal: Slurred or inappropriate words or mute
- E. The completed Cincinnati Pre-hospital Stroke Scale will be documented in the PCR.

III. Certification Requirements:

Maintain knowledge of the indications, contraindications, technique, and possible complications of the procedure. Assessment of this knowledge may be accomplished via quality assurance mechanisms, classroom demonstrations, skills stations, or other mechanisms as deemed appropriate by the local EMS System. Assessment should include direct observation at least once per certification cycle.

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