



# Hot Topics



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## Stroke Patients – Do Not Delay on Scene

If you have a stroke patient, DO NOT DELAY transport. In reviewing past scene time studies we found that stroke patients have a longer scene time than the overall county-wide scene time averages. Once you have completed your assessment and determined that the patient is a suspected stroke patient you should package the patient and complete the rest of your care during transport.



In addition, you should as soon as possible contact online medical control of the hospital the patient is being transported. As soon as you receive a response from the hospital you should state, “**Stroke Alert.**” This will activate the hospital’s internal process for receiving and caring for your patient.

You should also determine, if possible, when the symptom on set time was as the hospital will request that information. However, regardless of the last known well time it will not change your treatment and transport of the patient.

Finally, all stroke patients should be transported **WITHOUT LIGHTS AND SIRENS**. I know what you are likely saying right now – “you just told us how important time is and you don’t want us to transport lights and sirens?” That is correct. For the distances we have in this county to one of our hospitals a lights and sirens response will save no more than two or three minutes. The risks of running hot outweigh the small amount of time saved in this set of patients.

## STATE CE CHANGES

You may not be aware of this, but anyone required to renew their state EMS license after December 31, 2016 will now have to have additional pediatric credits in order to renew their license. Specifically, all levels of licensure will have to have a minimum of four pediatric CEs. Paramedics and Advanced EMTs will have to have a fifth credit on medication administration. Don’t get caught short on credits when you renew!



### Congratulations!

Logan Finkbeiner was the first person to correctly respond to last month’s contest! The television show *Emergency!* premiered on January 15, 1972. Logan received a \$10 Amazon gift card for his knowledge and quick response.