### **Comprehensive Stroke Centre**



### **Alberta Provincial Stroke Strategy**



#### NINDS TPA Stroke Study: Time to Treatment and Odds Ratio of Favorable Outcome







#### Time

Neurovascular imaging choices depend on stroke population Hyperacute (<3 hour) disabling stroke SPEED Acute (3-24 hour) disabling stroke **SELECTION** Nondisabling stroke and TIA **VULNERBILITY** Subacute stroke work-up **ETIOLOGY** 

### Hyperacute Disabling Stroke

Less than 3 hours from onset, disabling deficits.

20% of all stroke

THINK SPEED





**Benefit 30** 



### iv tPA "On the table responders"



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### Hyperacute Disabling Stroke

# Rapid accessibility is key for imaging choices.



### **MRI contraindications**

- electronically, magnetically, and mechanically activated implants
- ferromagnetic or electronically operated active devices like automatic cardioverter defibrillators
- cardiac pacemakers
- metallic splinters in the eye
- ferromagnetic haemostatic clips in the central nervous system
- cochlear implants or stapedial implants
- other pacemakers, e.g. for the carotid sinus
- insulin pumps and nerve stimulators
- lead wires or similar wires (MRI Safety risk)
- prosthetic heart valves (in high fields, if dehiscence is suspected)
- haemostatic <u>clips</u> (body)



#### **MRI Environment – Serious Business**

MDR-351516: A patient with an implanted cardiac pacemaker died during an MR exam. (12/2/92)

MDR-175218: A patient with an implanted cardiac pacemaker died during or shortly after an MR exam. The coroner determined that the death was due to the interruption of the pacemaker by the MR system. (9/18/89)

MDR-349790: A patient with an implanted intracranial aneurysm clip died as a result of an attempt to scan her. The clip reportedly shifted when exposed to the magnetic field. The staff apparently had obtained information indicating that the material in this clip could be scanned safely. (11/11/92)

MDR-100222: Dislodgement of an iron filing in a patient's eye during MR imaging resulted in vision loss in that eye. (1/8/85)

MDR-454660: A patient complained of double vision after an MR exam. The MR exam as well as an x-ray revealed the presence of metal near the patient's eye. The patient was sedated at the time of the exam and was not able to inform anyone of this condition. (12/15/93)

MDR-547886: An IV pole was attracted to the magnet and struck a patient, cutting his arm. The patient required stapling of the cut. (8/30/94)

MDR-405200: A pair of scissors was pulled out of a nurses hand as she entered the magnet room. The scissors hit a patient causing a cut on the patient's head. (8/2/93)

MDR-234698: A patient was struck by an oxygen bottle while being placed in the magnet bore. The patient received injuries requiring sutures. (6/2/91)

PRP-19168: Two steel tines (parts of a fork lift) weighing 80 pounds each were accelerated by the magnet striking a technician and knocking him over 15 feet resulting in serious injury. (6/5/86)

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### "Early Hematoma Growth"



2.5 hours after symptom onset

6.5 hours after onset, with enlargement of the hematoma due to ongoing bleeding

### **Novoseven Trial**

NEJM 2005;352:777-785

	Modified Rankin Scale					
rfvila	0-1		2-3		4–5	Dead
160 µg/kg	24		21		35	19
80 µg/kg	21		29		30	18
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40 µg/kg	17		29		37	18
Placebo	8 2	23		4	0	29





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### FAST Trial

Phase 3, pivotal trial Over 600 patients, 20+ countries 80 mcg/kg; 20 mcg/kg; placebo

Overall neutral result however rFVIIa 80 mcg/kg highly statistically significantly prevented ICH growth

Better outcomes at day 15 with NIHSS but didn't meet endpoints at 90 days Safe with only numerical trend in MI with rFVIIa. No increase in ischemic stroke or DVT

#### CT Angiography "Spot Sign" Predicts Hematoma Expansion in Acute Intracerebral Hemorrhage

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### Spot Sign Example

Peripheral "spot" sign Central "spot" sign



69 yo male with L hemiparesis, presented within 3 hours; treated with FVIIa. Baseline volume 47 cc 24 hour volume 65 cc

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	Any "spot"	No "spot"		
	n=13	n=26		
Onset to CTA	< 3 hours?			
Baseline ICH volume	24.9 ml			
Significant ICH expansion	77%	4%		
Absolute ICH volume change	+14.3 ml	-1.7 ml		
Hospital stay	19 days	9 days		
Mortality	23%	15%		
High INR	4 1	reported		

ICH expansion : >30% or 6 ml growth

"spot sign", contrast extravasation and anticoagulation predicted ICH expansion Multiple "spot signs" associated with greater ICH growth than single "spot sign".

### CME

#### Contrast extravasation on CT angiography predicts hematoma expansion in intracerebral hemorrhage

J.N. Goldstein, MD, PhD; L.E. Fazen, BA; R. Snider, BA; K. Schwab, BA; S.M. Greenberg, MD, PhD; E.E. Smith, MD; M.H. Lev, MD; and J. Rosand, MD, MS

NEUROLOGY 2007;68:889-894

	Contrast extravasation	No contrast extravasation	
	n=58	n=46	
Onset to CTA	8.9h	10.7h	
Baseline ICH volume	34 ml	12 ml	
Significant ICH expansion	22%	2%	
Absolute ICH volume chai	nge +	12 ml	
Hospital stay			
Mortality	33%	15%	

ICH expansion: 33% increase from baseline

contrast extravasation predicted ICH expansion

### PREDICT study

	Any "spot"	No "spot"
	n=8	n=6
Onset to CT (minutes)	183.1	172.8
Baseline ICH volume	27.6 ml	9.8 ml
Significant ICH expansion	75%	0%
Any ICH expansion (>2cc)	88%	16%
Absolute ICH volume change	+24.6 ml	+0.2 ml
Hospital stay		
Mortality		

ICH expansion : >30% or 6 ml growth

### Spot Sign and Outcome

#### n=31 basilar occlusions

Recovery

	Independent	Dependent	Death
"spot negative" n=20	50	35	15
"spot positive" n=13	31	46	23

#### Spot Sign

#### **Contrast Extravasation**



Contrast extravasation in 6 patients, all of which developed hematoma expansion. 4/6 high INR

### Table 2. MRI vs CT Panel Results (n=200)

	CT+	CT–	P Value
Acute hemorrhage MRI+ MRI–	25 4	4 167	>.99
Chronic hemorrhage MRI+ MRI–	0 0	52 148 ]	<.001

Abbreviations: CT, computed tomography; MRI, magnetic resonance imaging.

## Magnetic resonance brain imaging in patients with acute stroke: feasibility and patient related difficulties

P J Hand, J M Wardlaw, A M Rowat, J A Haisma, R I Lindley, M S Dennis

J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry 2005;76:1525-1527. doi: 10.1136/jnnp.2005.062539



**Figure 1** Reasons for failure to carry out a magnetic resonance imaging scan on eligible patients. C/I, contraindications.

### Practical limitations of acute stroke MRI due to patient-related problems

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**Table** Characteristics of patients not receiving MRI due to patient-related problems

	n		ICH	
MRI performed	113		20	
MRI not performed due to				
MRI contraindications	14		1	
Medical instability	11	20%	8	31%
Agitation	3		0	
Total	141		29	

#### NEUROLOGY 2004;62:1848-1849

Eleven of the 61 patients monitored became hypoxic during MRI (lowest recorded saturation during scanning, 74%). All patients had similar oxygen saturation on admis-

# Do we need the light bulb effect for speedy interpretation of extent of parenchymal injury?



