Neurovascular Referral Quick Guide

How to refer

- **Connectcare:** referral to neurosurgery (indicate “neurovascular” in the referral history)
- **Fax:** 403-944-8712
- **Telephone:** 403-944-4550

1 Acute stroke symptoms

Acute stroke symptoms? (FAST)

Onset ≤48 h ago

→ Send **immediately to an ED** with stroke capability

Onset >48 h ago

→ **Stroke prevention clinic*** for urgent assessment

*Stroke prevention clinic:
fax: 403-944-9635
Connectcare: Neurology – Stroke Prevention Clinic

2 Carotid stenosis ≥50%

Carotid stenosis ≥50% on CT angiogram

Referral to neurovascular clinic (urgent if symptomatic)

3 Incidental aneurysm

Referral may not be needed

If both of the following criteria are met:

- Older patients (>80 years)
- Very small aneurysm size (2 mm or less)

Anything else
→ CTA* and Referral to neurovascular clinic

→ **If in doubt, refer.**

***Please order a CT head and neck angiogram** before referral if not available yet.