



# Terminology

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# STAT! Stroke and Red Findings

- STATstroke means three things:
  - Acute stroke diagnosis
  - Within 6h of stroke onset OR stroke-on-awakening
  - 1 or more “red” findings on the provincial stroke screen

# Red Findings from EMS Stroke Screen



## Stroke Screen

Place Label Here

Sample

EMS must obtain critical patient information on scene and complete the Stroke Screen en route.

Patient last seen neurologically normal Date (yyyy-Mon-dd) Time (h:mm)		Patient name	Event number
History provided by <input type="checkbox"/> Patient <input type="checkbox"/> Family member <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)		Patient last seen by (witness name)	Witness phone
		History provider name	History provider phone

Complete Physical Examination Findings below, then continue with screening process

Physical Examination Findings																																		
<b>Level of Consciousness</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Alert <input type="checkbox"/> responds to Verbal <input type="checkbox"/> responds to Pain <input type="checkbox"/> Unresponsive	<b>Speech</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Slurred <input type="checkbox"/> Incomprehensible or mute	<b>Facial Smile</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Normal <input type="checkbox"/> Right-Droop <input type="checkbox"/> Left-Droop	<b>Screening Process</b> Is blood glucose level greater than 3.0 mmol/L? <input type="checkbox"/> No → Transport to closest medical facility <input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Continue screening process  Is one or more red Physical Examination Findings checked? <input type="checkbox"/> No → Transport to closest medical facility <input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Continue screening process  Last seen normal to arrive at Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Centre less than 4.5 hours? <input type="checkbox"/> No → Continue screening process <input type="checkbox"/> Yes → screening process - EMS Stroke Screen is positive. En route, provide early pre-notification to closest Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Centre and notify the triage nurse of an "Acute Disabling Stroke"  Last seen normal to arrive at Primary or Comprehensive Stroke Centre between 4.5 - 6 hours? <input type="checkbox"/> No → Continue screening process <input type="checkbox"/> Yes → screening process. Treat and transport as per local stroke strategy guidelines  Awoke with symptoms? <input type="checkbox"/> No → Transport to closest medical facility <input type="checkbox"/> Yes → Treat and transport as per local stroke strategy guidelines  Practitioner name (print) _____ Date (yyyy-Mon-dd) _____																															
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White - Chart

Canary - EMS

Stroke Screen

## Physical Examination Findings

### Level of Consciousness

- ☐ Alert
- ☐ responds to Verbal

- ☐ responds to Pain
- ☐ Unresponsive

### Speech

- ☐ Normal
- ☐ Slurred

- ☐ Incomprehensible or mute

### Facial Smile

- ☐ Normal
- ☐ Right-Droop
- ☐ Left-Droop

### Arm Strength

- ☐ Normal
- ☐ Right-Drifts down
- ☐ Left-Drifts down
- ☐ Right-Falls rapidly
- ☐ Left-Falls rapidly

### Leg Strength

- ☐ Normal
- ☐ Right-Drifts down
- ☐ Left-Drifts down
- ☐ Right-Falls rapidly
- ☐ Left-Falls rapidly

### Hand Grips

- ☐ Normal
- ☐ Right-Weak grip
- ☐ Left-Weak grip
- ☐ Right-No grip
- ☐ Left-No grip

# LAMS 4-5

- Los Angeles Motor Scale (LAMS)
- The LAMS score assesses stroke severity on a scale from 0-5.
  - Typically done in the field by EMS
  - Quick and easy to perform
- LAMS 4-5 implies an acute stroke case for possible additional endovascular intervention.

# LAMS

## LOS ANGELES MOTOR SCALE (LAMS)

	Normal	Right	Left	Total
Facial smile/grimace	┐ (0)	┐ Droop (1)	┐ Droop (1)	
Grip	┐ (0)	┐ Weak grip (1) ┐ No grip (2)	┐ Weak grip (1) ┐ No grip (2)	
Arm strength	┐ (0)	┐ Drifts down (1) ┐ Falls rapidly (2)	┐ Drifts down (1) ┐ Falls rapidly (2)	
TOTAL Score				

# Red Referral [RAAPID]

- Urgent transport, or urgent case that requires emergency telemedicine or emergency transport.
- When speaking with RAAPID:
  - Answer “yes” to the question about emergency transport for LAMS  $\geq 4$ ; answer “no” to the question about emergency transport for LAMS 1-3.