

# Stroke Case Scenarios: How Anatomy and Imaging Tells the Story

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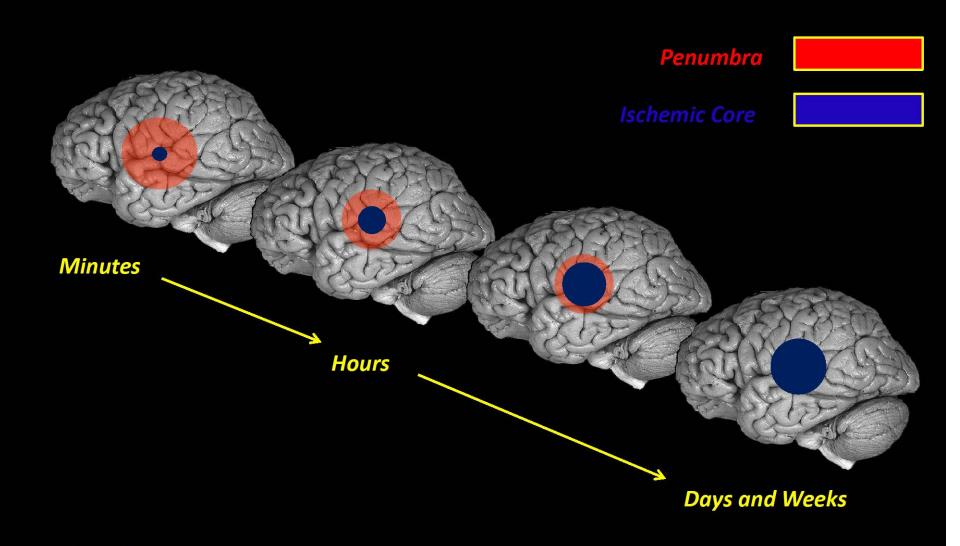
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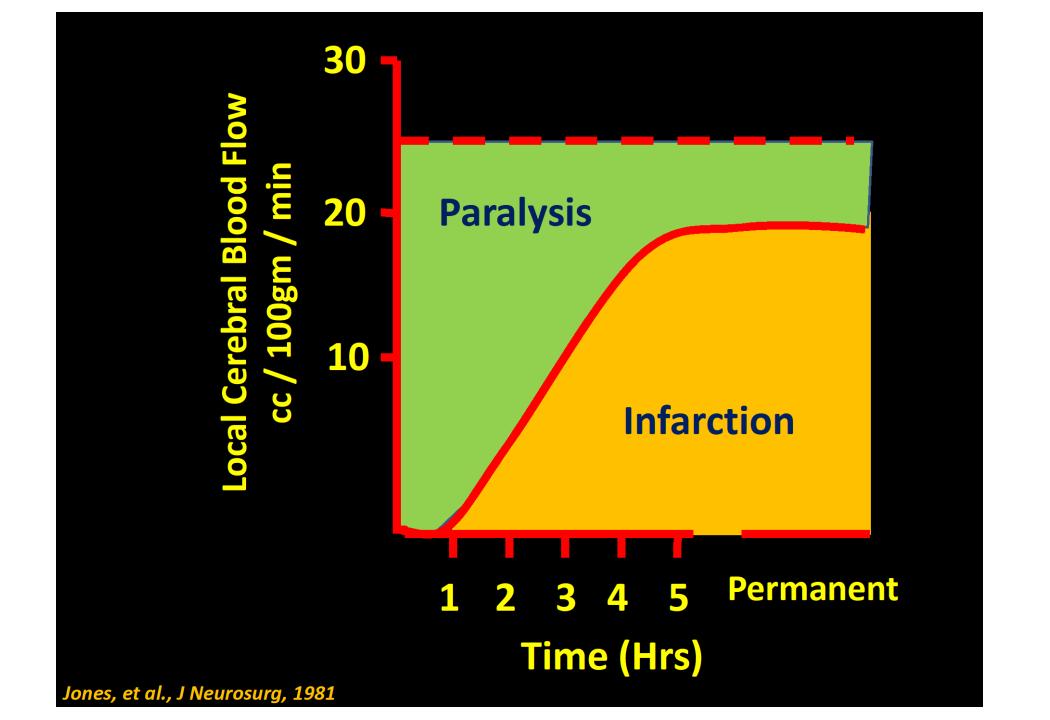


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# Ischemic Core and Penumbra

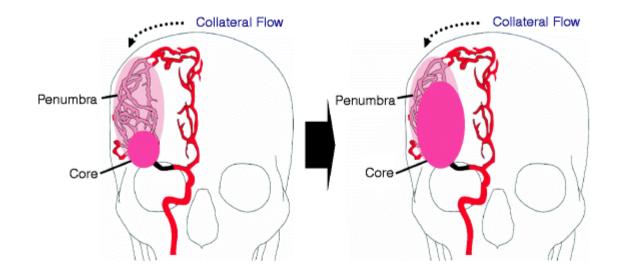




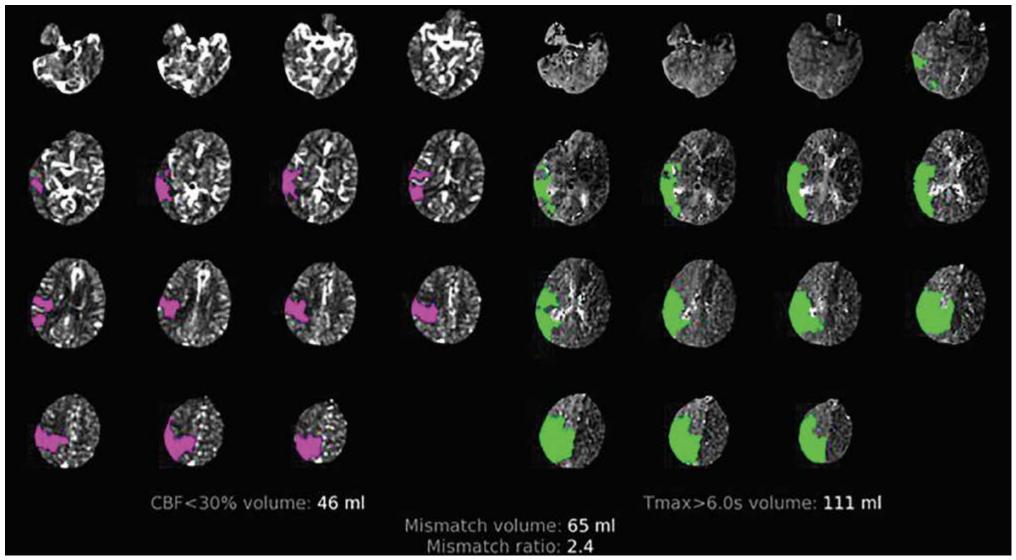


### **The Ischemic Penumbra**

Dynamic Ischemic Penumbra

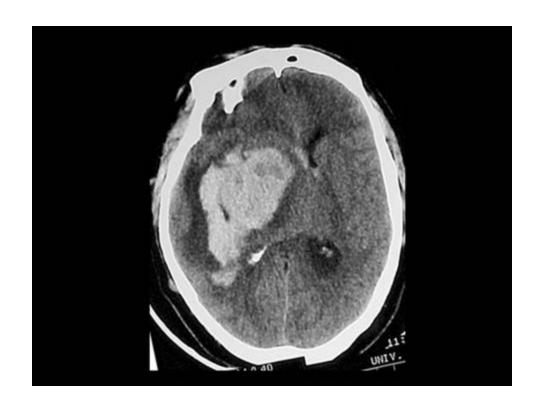








# Intracerebral Hemorrhage



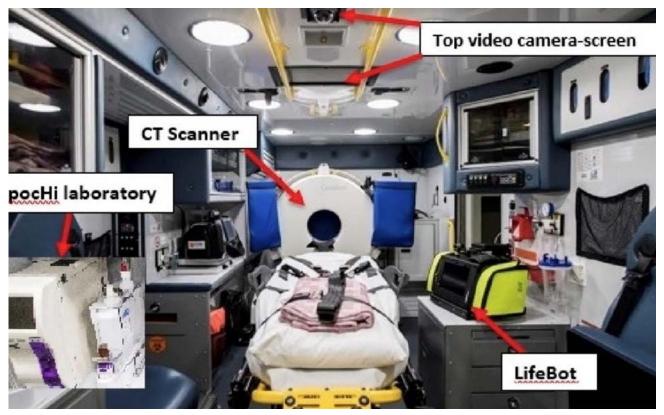


### What Helps When You Hit The ED

- Parallel Processing
  - Ideal to know as much as possible before arrival



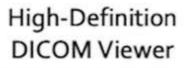




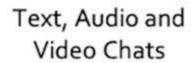


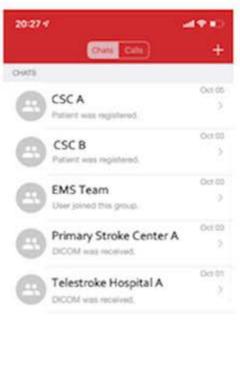
### Chat Groups

### Real-Time Case Sharing



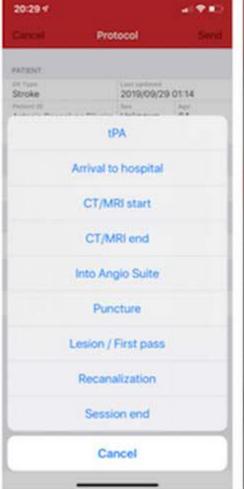




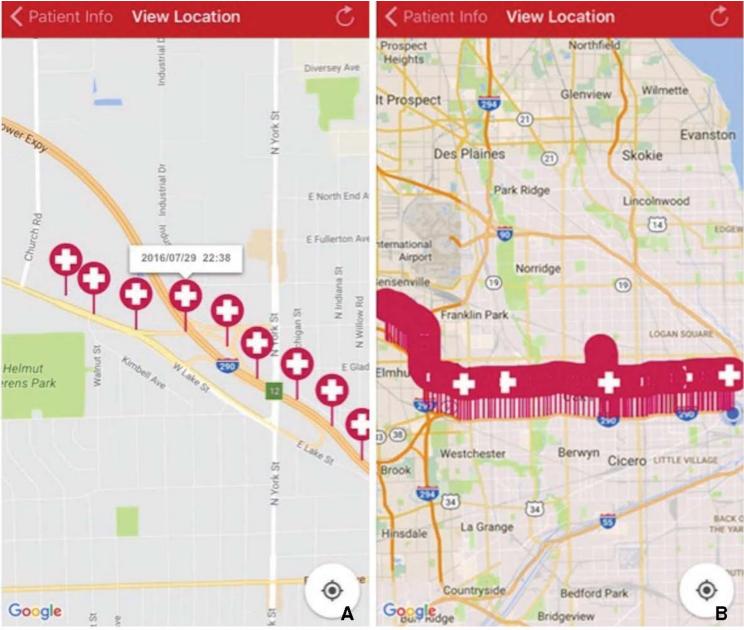














Real-time patient tracking feature of the Join application. The patient's pick-up time and location can be seen (A). Transport



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  - Medications : ODB formulary > 65 , Meds or list at home
  - Trauma
- SDM contact ?
  - Family ?
  - Contact information?



### A case of a 64 yo man

### Called to ED for a man brought by EMS from work

- "Difficulty Speaking"
- Inattentive, unintelligible speech moving all limbs
- Dressed in work clothes
  - Workplace unknown to ED staff
- Wife contacted :
  - I heard him get up and leave for work this morning
  - I think he was ok but I didn't talk to him
  - Works at different sites not sure where he was today
- Questions
  - What happened to him?
  - When did it happen?



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### **Time of Onset**

- Defined as last known well
  - Not when found or noticed
  - If wake with deficit
    - Onset is bedtime
  - When was he last known well?
    - Was the onset witnessed?





### Is it a stroke?

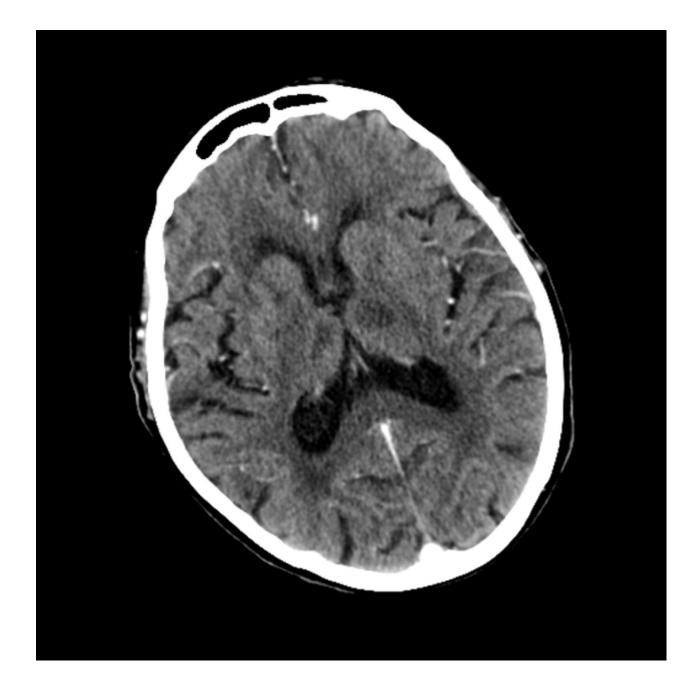
- Abrupt onset
- Focal

- So far in our story ....
  - Unclear



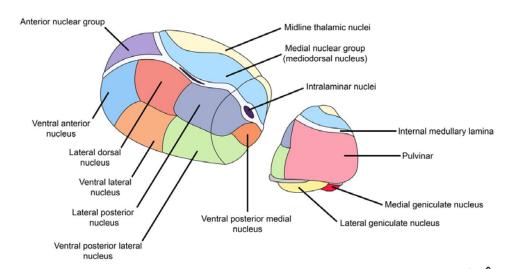
### Not a stroke (probably)

- Isolated seizure
- Seizure at onset
  - Stroke is associated with Sz < 5% of the time</li>
  - Postictal deficits clear rapidly (usually)
- Recurrent stereotyped episode
  - Many episodes spread over time





### **Thalamus**



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### Stent-Retriever Thrombectomy after Intravenous t-PA vs. t-PA Alone in Stroke

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### Thrombectomy within 8 Hours after Symptom Onset in Ischemic Stroke

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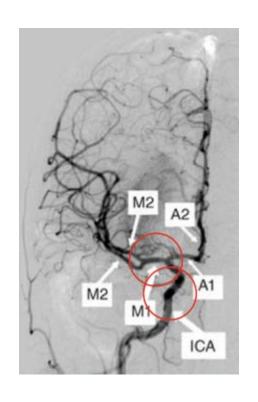
# Mechanical thrombectomy after intravenous alteplase versus alteplase alone after stroke (THRACE): a randomised controlled trial

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### **Endovascular Treatment of Ischemic Stroke**









### **Endovascular Devices**







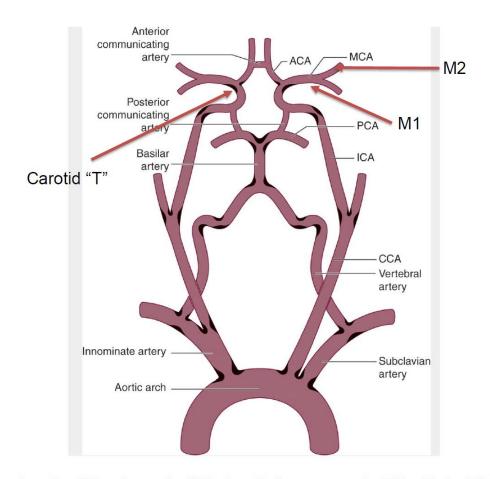
### **Results: DAWN & DEFUSE3**

Rate of functional independence (mRS of 0, 1, or 2) at 90 days

Trial	Endovascular	Medical Tx Alone	
DAWN	49%	13%	Adjusted difference 33%; 95% CI 21-44)
DEFUSE 3	45%	17%	RR 2.67; 95% CI, 1.60 to 4.48; P<0.001
HERMES	46%	26.5%	RR 2.47 (1.79- 3.41), P<0.0001



### **Vascular Anatomy**



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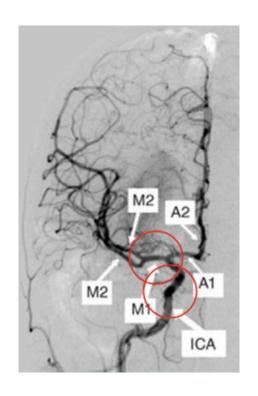
# CT Angiogram – arch to vertex

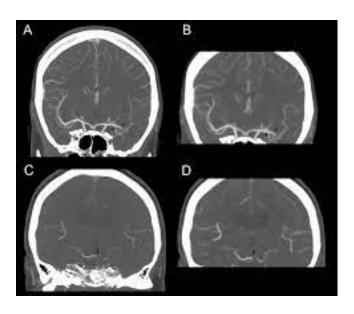




# **Large Vessel Occlusion - LVO**

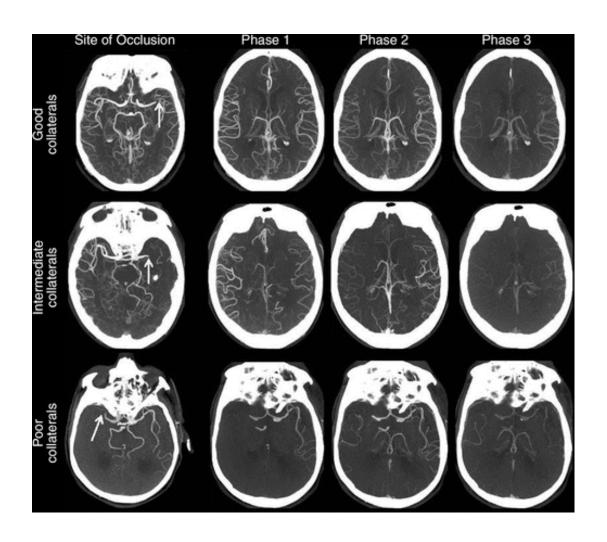




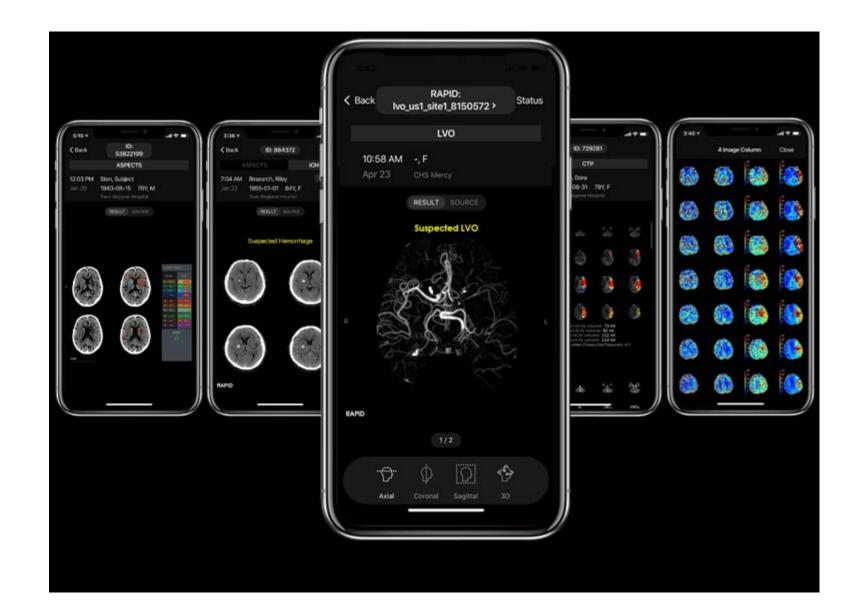




### **LVO and Collaterals**

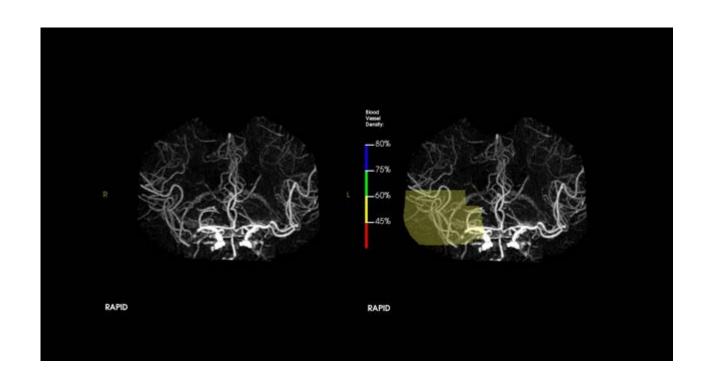




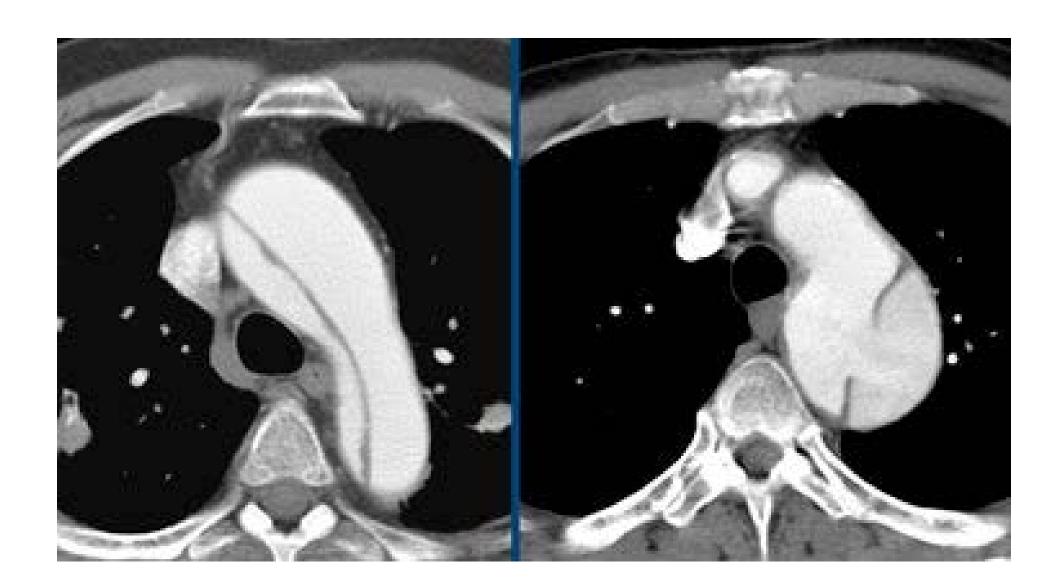




### **LVO in RAPID**











### A Case of a 44 yo woman

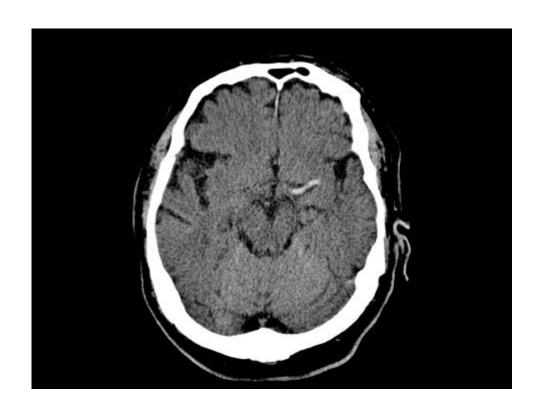
- Mechanical aortic valve
- Having supper
  - Stops speaking
  - Drops fork
  - Slumps in chair

### Exam

- Alert, eyes open
- No speech, follows no commands
- Not moving R arm and leg
- R face droop



# CT scan (no contrast) 2 hours after onset



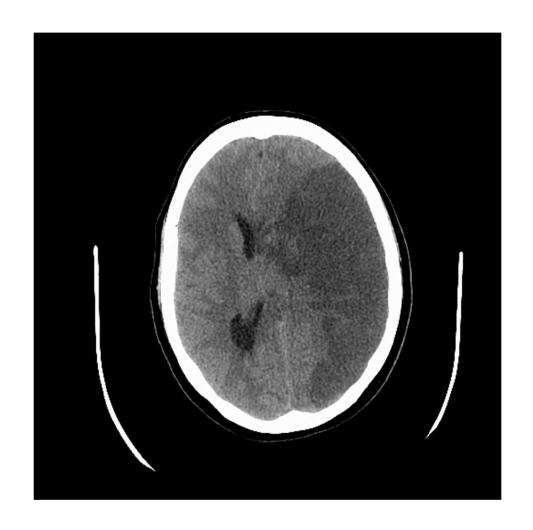


### **Outcome**

- CTA confirmed L M1 Occlusion
- On Warfarin
  - INR sent (TAT 1 hour)
- Prep for EVT
- Successful recanalization
- Minor deficits at 24 hours
- Rehab then home

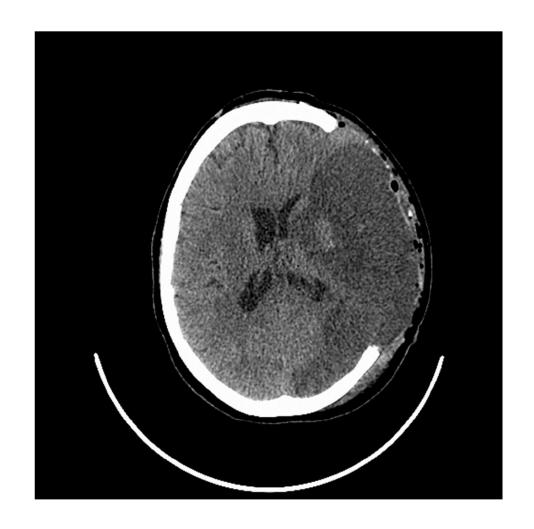


# CT Scan 2 days after onset





# **Ct Scan post hemicraniectomy**





### Case of 74 yo woman

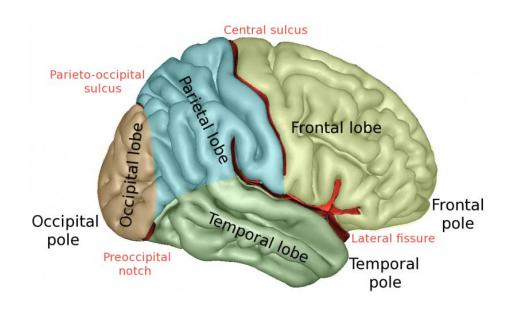
- Did not get out of bed in the morning
- Denied anything was wrong but speech slurred

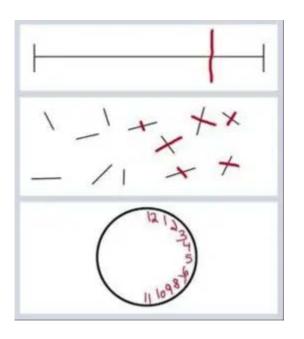
### Exam

- Alert, speech ? Slurred
- Moving everything
- Tends to look to the right

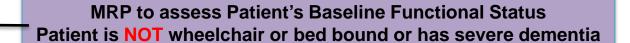


# **Hemispatial Neglect**

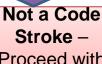




### Hamilton General Hospital 6 to 24 Hour Acute Stroke Protocol **Triage Nurse to Complete FAST Screen:** > ABC's Stable Sudden Onset of at least one or more of the following: Facial Droop > Arm Weakness > Slurred Speech, Inappropriate Words or Mute > Verify Last Known Well Time with Confirmed with Witness **FAST Stroke Screen Positive if:** ☐ One or more symptoms from Face, Arm, Speech and ☐ LAST SEEN NORMAL Time <24 hour Witnessed onset Witnessed No and/or last seen well onset and/or 6 - 24 hrs last seen well Confirmed by Not a Code 0 - 6 hrs collateral history Stroke other than EMS Proceed with report usual/onsite Follow 0 - 6 hrcare **Acute Stroke** Yes protocol Triage Nurse to Notify ED MD of potential 6 – 24 hours Stroke EVT Case **Triage Nurse to Triage Patient as CTAS 2 Stroke In the Therapeutic Window**







No

Yes

Proceed with usual/onsite care

### MRP to Complete ACT- FAST Stroke Screen

"ARM" (one-sided arm weakness)
Position both arms at 45 degrees from the horizontal with elbows straight
POSITIVE TEST

One arm falls completely within 10 seconds of being held up.

For patients that are uncooperative or cannot follow commands:

Witness minimal or no movements in one arm & movement in the other arm

### **Proceed if Positive**





### If RIGHT ARM is weak

"CHAT" (severe language deficit)
Ask the patient to repeat "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" OR perform simple tasks ("make a fist", "open and close your eyes")

### **POSITIVE TEST**

Mute, Speaking incomprehensibly, unable to follow simple commands

### If **LEFT** ARM is weak

"TAP" (gaze and shoulder tap test)

Stand on patient's weak side & call name
POSITIVE TEST – Consistent gaze to the RIGHT

OR
Tap shoulder & call name



**POSITIVE TEST** - does not quickly turn head and eyes to you

### **Proceed if Positive**

MRP to contact HGH Stroke TPA MD STAT through Paging.

Stroke TPA MD to arrange STAT Late Window Stroke Imaging (CT Head, CT Perfusion, CTA).

If Late Window Imaging positive – Stroke TPA MD to Contact INR MD.

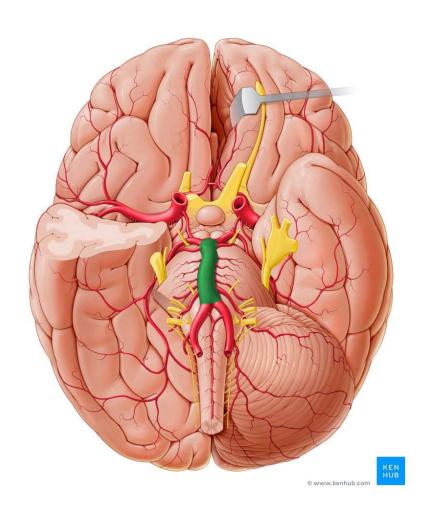


### Case of an 84 yo woman

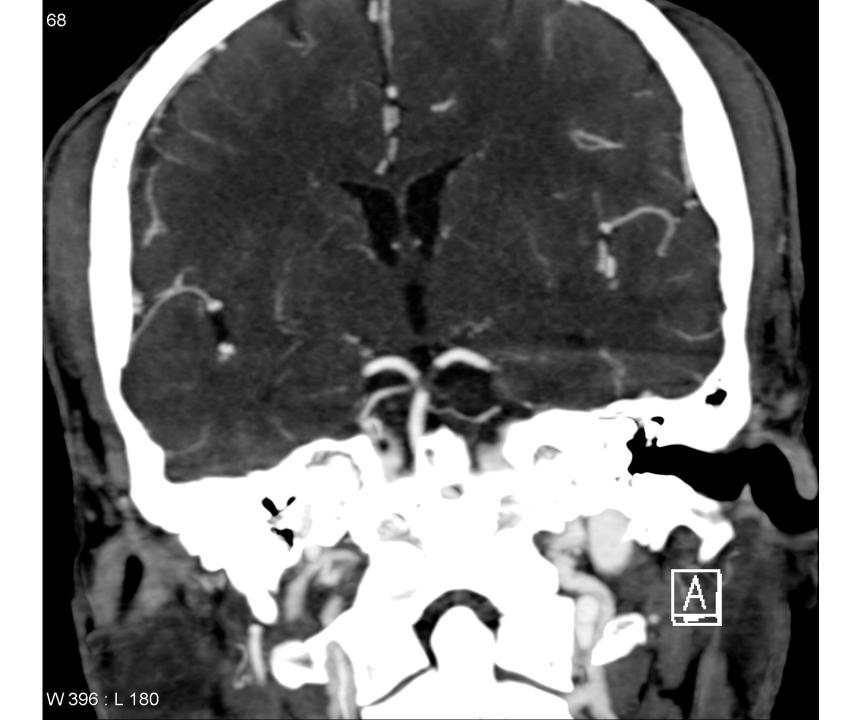
- Dizzy, vomited
- Then trouble seeing and speech slurred
- Exam
  - Eyes are jumping and look crossed
  - Speech hard to understand
  - Left arm and leg weak
  - No facial droop



## **Basilar Artery**



# Parts of the brain stem Midbrain Pons Medulla oblongata – controls breathing & heart rate





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