

# Referral process to DHMC TIA Clinic

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| <b>step</b> | 1 | TIA symptoms within <b>past week</b> and totally resolved?  |
|             | 2 | Calculate ABCD2 score - see below   |
|             | 3 | Obtain CBC, lytes, BUN/Cr, coags, glucose and EKG.<br>Obtain head CT and carotid ultrasound same day if possible.<br>Aspirin 325mg (or clopidogrel 75mg)  |
|             | 4 | Consider indication for immediate specialist evaluation and admission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ ABCD2 score 4 or &gt;</li> <li>■ recurrent TIAs in past week</li> <li>■ subtherapeutic anticoagulation</li> <li>■ new atrial fibrillation present or suspected</li> <li>■ severe carotid stenosis</li> <li>■ LV thrombus, endocarditis</li> <li>■ arterial dissection red flags (sudden neck or periorbital pain, Horner's sign)</li> <li>■ unable to come or be scheduled in TIA clinic within 48 hrs</li> </ul> |
|             | 5 | <b>Call 603-650-5000</b> and ask for Urgent Neurology Resident  |
|             | 6 | Final triage and disposition plans made   |

## Calculating ABCD2 Score

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|----------------------------|---|----------|
| <b>Age</b> (60 or greater) |   | 1 point  |
| <b>Blood pressure</b>      | (140/90 or greater)   | 1 point  |
| <b>Clinical</b>            | Unilateral weakness   | 2 points |
|                            | Speech impairment without weakness<br>(2 points is maximum score) | 1 point  |
| <b>Duration</b>            | 10-59 minutes   | 1 point  |
|                            | 60 or more minutes  | 2 points |
| <b>Diabetes</b>            |   | 1 point  |