

Referral process to DHMC TIA Clinic

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

Calculating ABCD2 Score

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