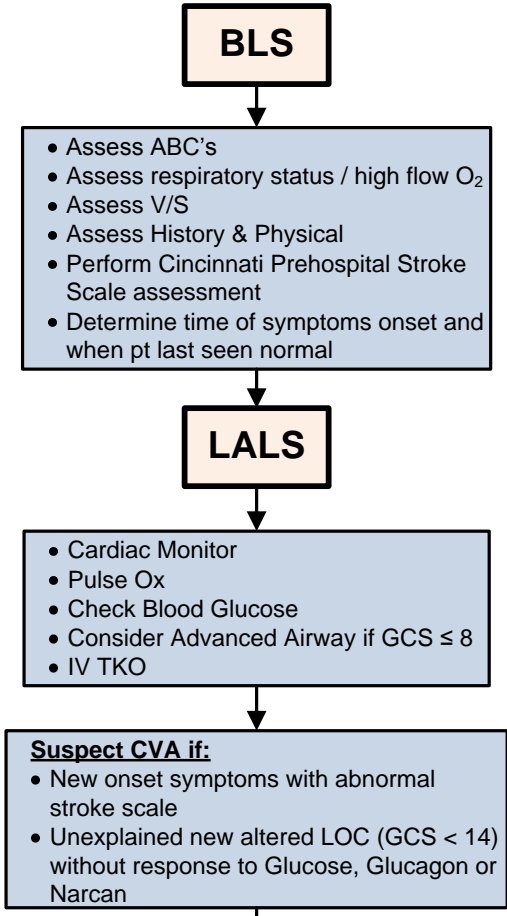




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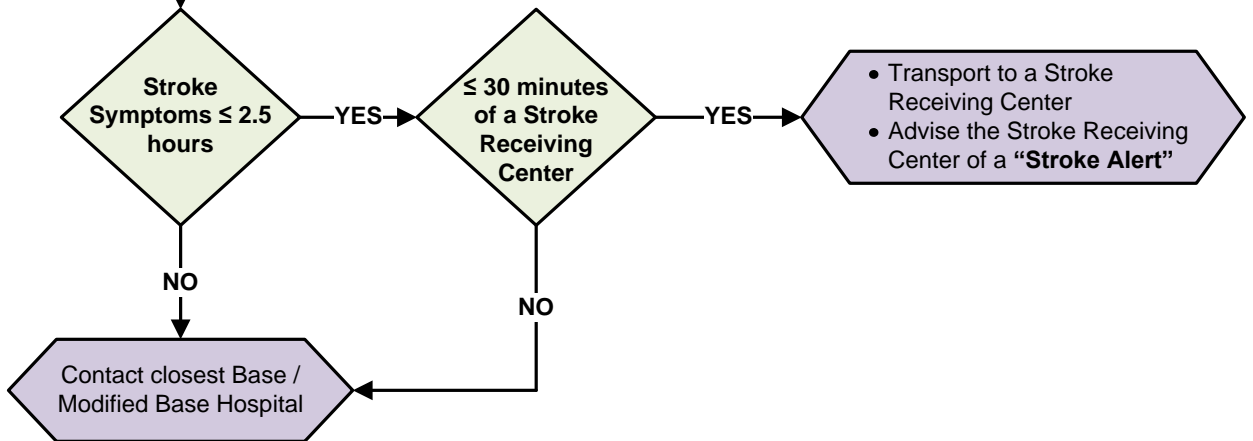
**Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale  
New Onset Symptoms**

**Facial Droop  
(Have pt show teeth or smile)**  
**Normal** = Both sides of face move equally well.  
**Abnormal** = One side of face does not move as well as the other side.

**Arm Drift  
(Pt closes eyes & extends both arms straight out for 10 seconds)**  
**Normal** = Both arms move the same or both arms do not move at all.  
**Abnormal** = One arm does not move or one arm drifts down compared to the other.

**Speech  
(Have pt say: "You can't teach an old dog new tricks")**  
**Normal** = Pt uses correct words with no slurring.  
**Abnormal** = Pt slurs words, uses the wrong words or is unable to speak

**Interpretation: If any 1 of these 3 signs is abnormal, the probability of a stroke is 72%**



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