



**STROKE PREVENTION CLINIC  
REFERRAL GUIDELINES**



<p align="center"><b>URGENT</b> Symptoms Occurred &lt; 7 Days High Risk TIA To be seen within 24-48 hours</p>	<p align="center"><b>ROUTINE</b> Symptoms Occurred &gt; 7 Days</p>	<p align="center"><b>ROUTINE</b> Non-symptom Based Referrals (may be triaged to telephone)</p>	<p align="center"><b>NOT APPROPRIATE for</b> Stroke Prevention Clinic</p>
<p>Transient hemi weakness and/or aphasia</p> <p>Transient monocular visual loss</p> <p>Visual disturbances suspicious for ischemic origin, inclusive of positive visual phenomenon</p> <p>Binocular diplopia with focal neurological symptoms</p> <p>Persistent focal or hemi-numbness</p> <p>Acute transient vertigo plus one or more of hemi or bilateral limb weakness, diplopia and dysarthria</p>	<p>Transient hemi weakness and/or aphasia</p> <p>Transient visual disturbance</p> <p>Binocular diplopia</p> <p>Persistent hemi-numbness with objective sensory findings</p> <p>Transient vertigo plus one or more of hemi or bilateral limb weakness, diplopia and dysarthria</p>	<p>Asymptomatic carotid stenosis</p> <p>Stroke prevention management request (e.g. diagnostic, medication)</p> <p>-related to best evidence/new patient information</p> <p>-interpreting tests/diagnostic dilemmas</p> <p>-in context of geriatric cognitive/physical decline</p>	<p><b><u>Consider referral to General Neurology:</u></b></p> <p><i>Isolated</i> paroxysmal vertigo (recurrent)</p> <p>Symptoms suggestive of optic neuritis</p> <p>Bilateral limb symptoms</p> <p>Transient global amnesia</p> <p>Incidental strokes found on routine imaging (consideration will be given to recent cortical stroke).</p> <p><b><u>Consider referral to Ophthalmology:</u></b></p> <p>Retinal vein occlusion</p> <p>Anterior ischemic optic neuropathy</p> <p><b><u>Consider referral to emergency:</u></b></p> <p>Acute (thunderclap) headache if underlying cause has not been ruled out with normal CT/CTA/CTV</p>

Reference: Gladstone D, Poppe A 2021. *Canadian Stroke Best Practice Recommendations: Secondary Prevention of Stroke Seventh Edition*, (Update 2020). 2021 Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada

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