



ARKANSAS STROKE BANDS

Q & A

What are stroke bands?

Stroke bands are bright blue colored wristbands with a unique alpha-numeric sequence. Each band starts with an "S" followed by six digits. The band identifier is used to link together a stroke patient's pre-hospital and hospital data.

Who receives a stroke band?

Patients who present with stroke-like symptoms and test positive on a validated stroke scale.*

What is the EMS provider's role?

EMS providers shall place a stroke band on all suspected stroke patients* and document the stroke band identifier in the patient's record.

What is the hospital's role?

Hospitals shall place a stroke band on all suspected or confirmed stroke patients* and document the stroke band identifier in the patient's EHR and the Arkansas Stroke Registry.

What happens if EMS brings a stroke patient to the ER without a stroke band?

ER staff shall band the patient, inform EMS to write the identifier on their run sheet, and document it in the patient's record.

When should I remove the stroke band?

Following neurologic assessment by the hospital stroke team and a TIA/stroke is ruled out.

*A Stroke Band should be placed on a patient in the event they do not test positive on a validated stroke scale but the provider has a high index of suspicion for stroke.



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