Q & A

What are stroke bands?
Stroke bands are bright blue colored bands with a different alpha/numeric sequence and link the pre-hospital and hospital data together statewide. Each band start with an “S” followed by six digits.

Who receives a stroke band?
Only those patients who test positive on a recognized stroke scale.

What is EMTs’ and Paramedics’ roles?
Upon assessing suspected stroke patients with a validated stroke scale, EMS providers will place a stroke band on all positive suspected stroke patients. Record the number on the PCR and if needed the EMS Short Form.

What is the hospitals’ roles?
Hospitals ensure stroke bands are in place, if not hospitals will place a stroke band on all positive suspected stroke patients and record stroke band ID number into the Arkansas Stroke Registry.

How do I order more stroke bands?
Please send email request for more stroke bands to Stroke.Bands@arkansas.gov
Once you receive the bands, please send an email confirming receipt to Stroke.Bands@arkansas.gov