

ARKANSAS STROKE BANDS



Arkansas Department of Health



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 starts 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

STROKE BANDS APPLY & RECORD

Who must collaborate to ensure stroke bands are successful?

EMS Agencies, Hospitals, and the Arkansas Department of Health. Strokes must be handled with the same emergence as STEMI & Trauma.

What actions impact the stroke bands?

Symptom onset and last known well, pre hospital Neuro assessment, pre hospital stroke activation are actions that impact placement of stroke bands.

