What are stroke bands?
Stroke wrist bands are bright blue colored bands with a unique alpha/numeric sequence that links the pre-hospital and hospital data together statewide. Each band starts with an "S" followed by six digits.

What are the EMT's and Paramedics' roles?
EMS providers will place a stroke band on all positive suspected stroke patients upon assessing patients with a validated stroke scale. Then record the number on the PCR and, if needed, EMS Short Form. DO NOT share your bands with other organizations.

When should I remove the stroke band?
Following neurologic assessment by the hospital stroke team and a TIA/stroke is ruled out.

Who receives a stroke band?
Patients who test positive on a recognized stroke scale.

What happens if EMS brings a stroke patient to the ER without a band?
ER staff would band the patient and inform EMS to write the number on their run sheet and record in ePCR.

What are the hospitals' roles?
Hospitals ensure stroke bands are in place. Hospitals will place a stroke band on all positive suspected stroke patients and record the number into the Arkansas Stroke Registry.

Why are stroke bands important?
Data show that placing stroke bands is associated with an average reduction in the door to CT time of 16 minutes for EMS arrivals and 14 minutes for private vehicle arrivals.

**Time Door to CT by Arrival Mode and Stroke Band ID Documentation**

**P value: <0.0001**

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