

EMS REGION II STROKE POINT-OF-ENTRY PLAN

Patient meets **Stroke Alert** Criteria according to Statewide Treatment Protocol for Stroke 2.18 with a **Last Known Well (LKW)** time of <24 hours



Transport to nearest **Primary Stroke Service (PSS)** hospital according to most current **MDPH Designated PSS** list *or* to approved out-of-state hospitals:
Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua
Rhode Island Hospital, Providence



Notify receiving PSS as early as possible and request a **"Stroke Alert"** through CMED (even if symptoms have resolved).
Tell hospital staff **"Stroke Alert"** before beginning entry notification.

BLS should transport to nearest hospital (PSS or not) for stabilization of:

- compromised airway
- hemodynamic instability
- unresponsiveness
- suspected severe hypoglycemia (diaphoretic and a known diabetic)

Transport to the *next* nearest PSS when...

- CT or other stroke screening equipment is unavailable at the nearest PSS

Patient Preference

- The nearest PSS may be bypassed to accommodate patient's preference for a PSS only when transport to the more distant PSS is no more than fifteen (15) minutes from the closest PSS.