ASPIRUS LANGLADE HOSPITAL
EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT CODE STROKE ALGORITHM

Patient exhibiting stroke symptoms (BE FAST)

Notify CT tech, laboratory, Pharmacist (during hours) & Hospital Supervisor

ED RN to Respond with Telemedicine cart, medication kit and stroke box.

(Patient's primary RN – may delegate)

Place Patient's head of bed flat, place on cardiac Monitor, obtain bedside glucose, and obtain vital signs every 15 minutes including neuro checks. Assure IV access (2 lines – 1 of them 18ga AC). Obtain accurate weight. NPO until bedside swallow study completed. Other orders via the Nursing or Provider code stroke order sets

RN or MD Complete NIHSS

Blood Pressure control per policy

Place Telehealth request once Provider declares Code Stroke (Place as EMERGENT). Need E Number. (Have unit in patient room)

Utilize Code Stroke Order set (Nursing and Provider order sets available)

Orders will include imaging, lab & RT (EKG)

Facilitator will come on-line to check sound & camera. Neurologist will come on-line next. Patient may be in CT (staff can answer questions until patient returns.) RN needs to be in room to assist with exam

Primary RN Accompany patient to CT with monitor whenever CT is ready. Continue with every 15-minute vital signs and neuro checks

Neurologist will call to speak to hospitalist or ED provider

If Alteplase ordered, ED RN, Supervisor or Pharmacy will prepare medication. If Pharmacy preparing, medication is prepared in Pharmacy. NO waste will be removed. Infuse according to directions

Hospitalist/ED Provider to facilitate transfer of patient if Alteplase given or due to other medical necessity