

**Pediatric Patient with Suspected Stroke external to Children's Mercy (CM) Adele Hall (AH) campus:**

- Non-CMH institutions: Call 1-800-GOMERCY
- CM Offsite locations:
  - Call Transfer Center: 1-800-GOMERCY or x51529
  - Identify you are caring for a "suspected stroke" patient
  - Transfer to CM AH campus

**Stroke Screening Evaluation**

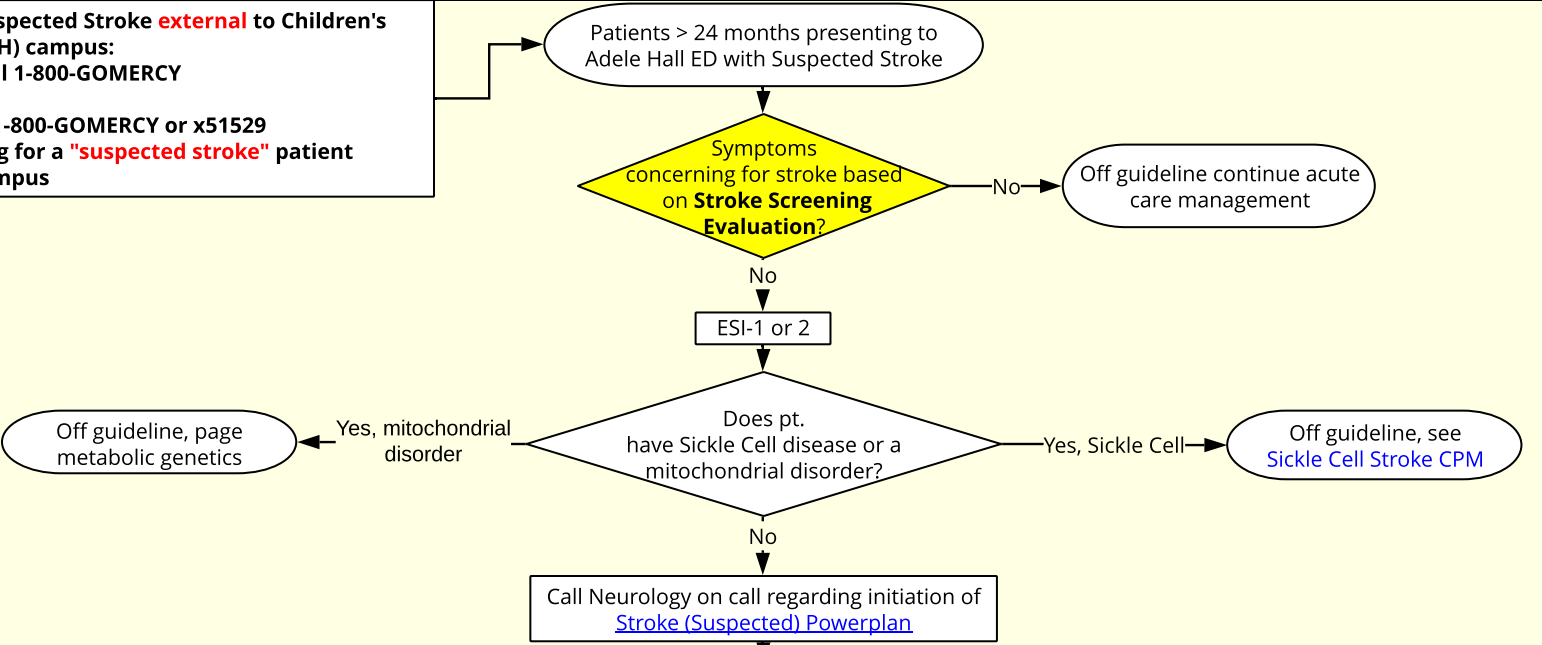
I. Is there a focal neurological deficit?

- Unilateral weakness or sensory change
- Vision loss or double vision
- Speech difficulty
- Dizziness or trouble walking

II. Did the problem begin or get worse suddenly?

III. Has the problem been present for less than 5 hours? (When was the child last seen well?)

**If Yes to ALL three of the questions above, patient symptoms are concerning for stroke.**



**Process coding:**

Yellow: Stroke suspected by ER

Grey: Stroke Alert Activated

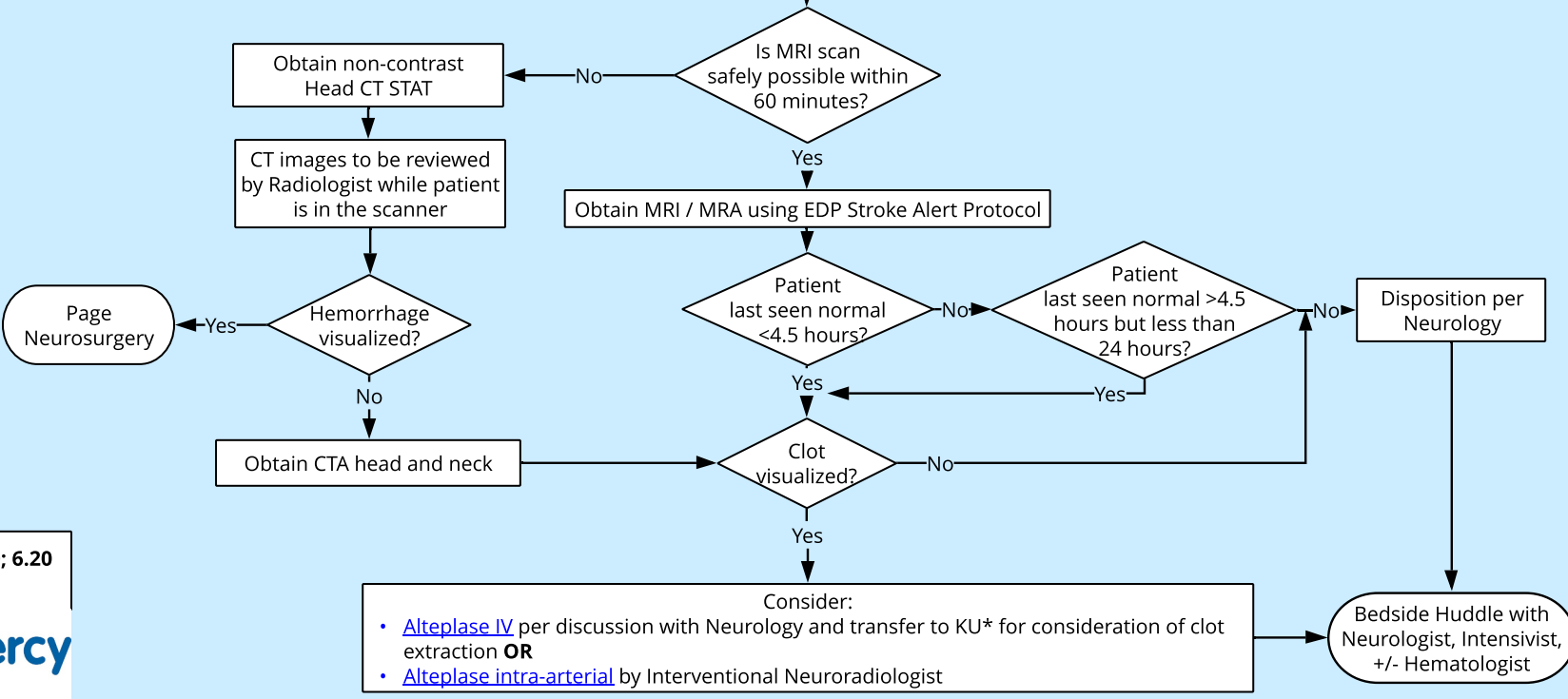
Blue: Neuroimaging Protocol enacted by Neurology

- Make patient NPO
- Place two large bore IVs, refer to Radiology Department CT Angiography Guidelines found in the powerplan
- **Obtain:** CBCD, BMP, PT, APTT, Fibrinogen, D-Dimer, ESR or CRP, Type & Screen, Urine hCG (female > 10 years) or serum beta hCG

**Do not delay imaging to obtain labs or IV access**

**For patients with a Suspected Stroke on a Med-Surg unit at CM AH campus:**

- Call Transfer Center: 1-800-GOMERCY or x51529
- Identify you are caring for a "suspected stroke" patient



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