

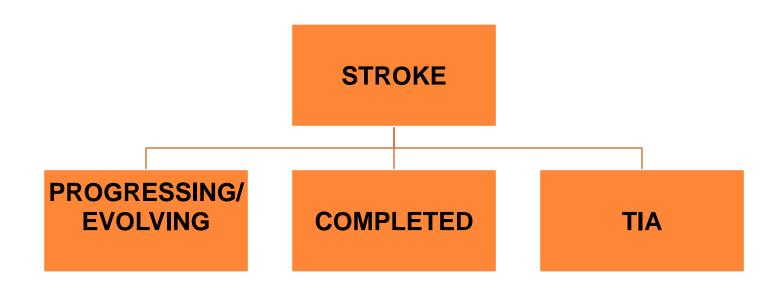
STROKE

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INTRODUCTION

- Stroke is defined as
 - ➤ Abrupt onset of neurological deficit
 - ➤ Persists more than 24 hour.
 - ➤ With no apparent case other than that of vascular origin

CLINICAL CLASSIFICATION



- TIA(Transient ischemic attack):A clinical syndrome of rapid onset of focal deficits of brain function, which resolves with in 24 hours, regardless of whether there's imaging evidence of new permanent brain injury.
- PROGRESSIVE STROKE: A stroke in which focal neurological deficits worsen with time.
 - > Also called stroke in evolution.
- COMPLETED STROKE: A stroke in which the focal neurological deficits persists & donot worsen with time.

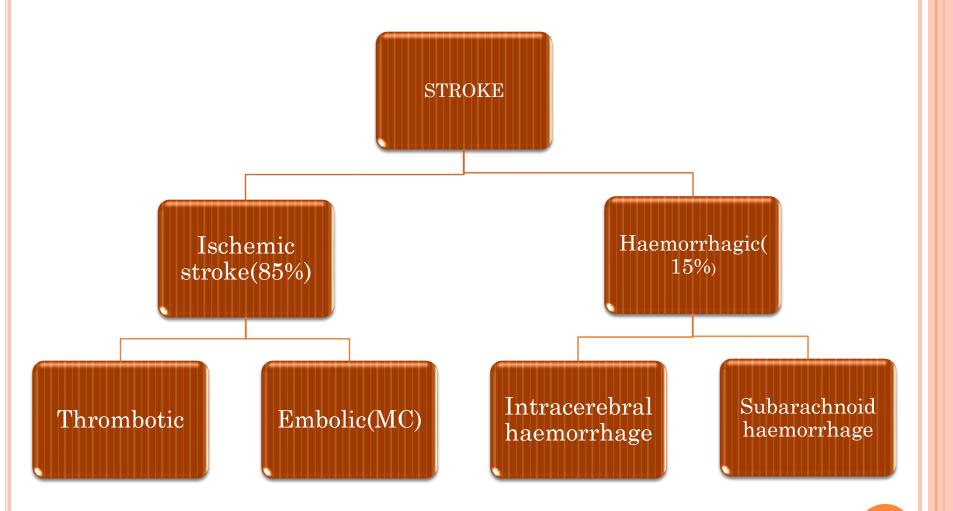
Types & risk factors

RISK FACTORS

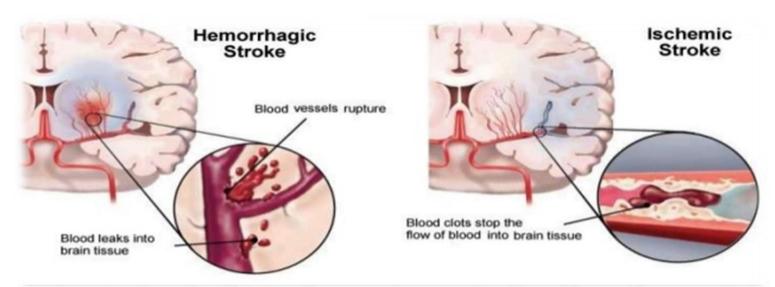
- Fixed
 - > Age
 - Gender(male > female)
 - Race(Asian>european)
 - > Heredity
 - Previous Vascular event.eg: MI, peripheral embolism
 - High fibrinogen

- Modifiable
 - High blood pressure
 - Heart disease(atrial fibrillation, heart failure, endocarditis)
 - Diabetes mellitus
 - Hyperlipidaemia
 - Smoking
 - Excess alcohol consumption
 - Oral contraceptives
 - Social deprivation
 - Obesity, sedentary lifestyle

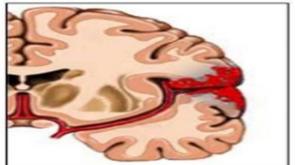
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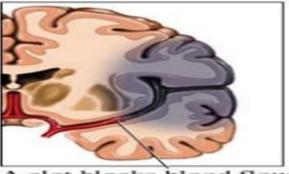


Hemorrhagic stroke



Bleeding occurs inside or around brain tissue

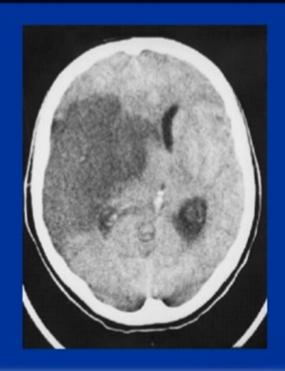
Ischemic stroke

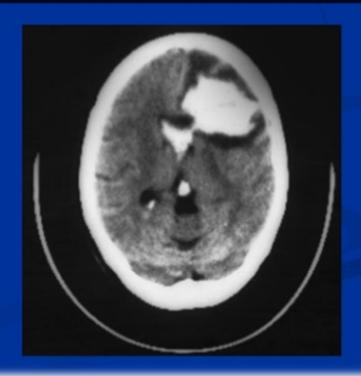


A clot blocks blood flow to an area of the brain

Types of Stroke

85% Ischemic 15 % hemorrhagic



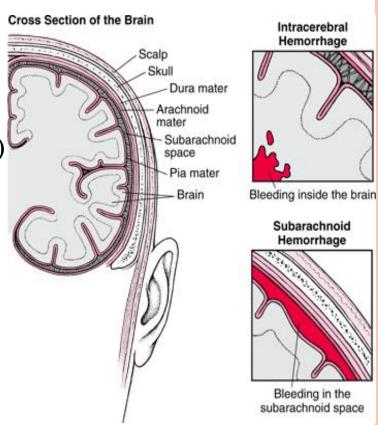


PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF STROKE

- Brain requires constant supply of glucose & oxygen, delivered by blood.
- Brain receives 15% of resting output & accounts for 20% of total body oxygen consumption.
- Cerebral blood flow is maintained via auto regulation. Thus the brain is highly aerobic tissue where oxygen is limiting factor.
- Blood flow
 - ➤ If zero leads to death of brain tissue within 4-10 mins
 - > <16-18ml/100g tissue/min infarction with in an hour.
 - > <20ml/100gm tissue/min ischemia without infarction unless prolonged for several hours or day.

HEMORRHAGIC STROKE

- Two types
 - Intracerebral hemorrhage(ICH)
 - Subarachnoid hemorrhage(SAH)
- Higher mortality rates when compared to ischemic stroke



PATHOPHYSIOLOGY OF HEMORRHAGIC STROKE

- Explosive entry of blood into the brain parenchyma structurally disrupts neurons.
- White matter fibre tracts are split.
- Immediate cessation of neuronal function.
- Expanding hemorrhage can act as a mass lesion and cause further progression of neurological deficits.
- Large hemorrhages can cause transtentorial coning and rapid death.

INTRACEREBRAL HEMORRHAGE

- Result of chronic hypertension
- Small arteries are damaged due to hypertension
- In advanced stages vessel wall is disrupted and leads to leakage

Subarachnoid Hemorrhage

- Most common cause is rupture of saccular or Berry aneurysms
- Other causes include arteriovenous malformations, angiomas, mycotic aneurysmal rupture etc.
- Associated with extremely severe headache

ETIOLOGY OF ISCHEMIC STROKE

Thrombotic

- Lacunar stroke
- Large vessel thrombosis
- Hypercoagulable disorders

Embolic

- Artery to artery
 - Carotid bifurcation
 - > Aortic arch
- Cardioembolic
 - Atrial fibrillation
 - Myocardial infarction
 - Mural thrombus
 - Bacterial endocarditic
 - Mitral stenosis
 - Paradoxical embolus

THROMBOTIC STROKE

- Atherosclerosis is the most common pathology leading to thrombotic occlusion of blood vessels
- Lacunar stroke
- Accounts for 20% of all strokes
- Results from occlusion of small deep penetrating arteries of the brain
- Thrombosis leads to small infarcts known as lacunes
- Clinically manifested as lacunar syndromes

EMBOLIC STROKE

Cardioembolic stroke

- Embolus from the heart gets lodged in intracranial vessels
- MCA most commonly affected
- Atrial fibrillation is the most common cause
- Others: MI, prosthetic valves, rheumatic heart disease

Artery to artery embolism

- Thrombus formed on atherosclerotic plaques gets embolized to intracranial vessels
- Carotid bifurcation atherosclerosis is the most common source
- Others: aortic arch, vertebral arteries etc.

Ischemic penumbra

- Tissue surrounding the core region of infraction which is ischemic but reversibly dysfunctional.
- Maintained by collaterals.
- Can be salvaged if reperfused in time
- Primary goal of revascularization therapies.

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS OF STROKE

HISTORY

- Ask for onset and progression of neurological symptoms – completed stroke or stroke in evolution
- History of previous TIAs
- History of hypertension & diabetes mellitus
- History of heart conditions like arrhythmias, RHD
 prosthetic valves
- History of seizures & migraine
- History of anticoagulant therapy
- History of oral contraceptive use
- History of any hypercoagulable disorders like sickle cell anemia & polycythemia vera
- Substance abuse: cocaine, amphetamines

EXAMINATION OF A STROKE PATIENT

- The neurological examination is highly variable and depends on the location of the vascular lesion.
- Skin: look for xanthelasma, rashes, limb ischemia
- Eyes:look for diabetic changes,retinal emboli,hypertensive changes,arcus senilis
- CVS: hyper/hypotension, abnormal rhythm,murmursraised JVP, peripheral pulses and bruits Respiratory system: pulmonary edema, infection
- Abdomen: urinary retention
- Locomotor system: injuries sustained during collapse with stroke, comorbities which influence functional abilities.

STROKE WARNING SIGNS





SUDDEN NUMBNESS OR WEAKNESS OF THE FACE, ARM OR LEG, ESPECIALLY ON ONE SIDE OF THE BODY



SUDDEN CONFUSION, TROUBLE SPEAKING OR UNDERSTANDING



SUDDEN TROUBLE SEEING IN ONE OR BOTH EYES



SUDDEN TROUBLE WALKING, DIZZINESS, LOSS OF BALANCE OR COORDINATION



SUDDEN SEVERE HEADACHE WITH NO KNOWN CAUSE

Immediately call 9-1-1 or the emergency medical services (EMS) number so an ambulance (ideally with advanced life support) can be sent for you.

Also, check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared. It's very important to take immediate action. If given within 3 hours of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug called tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) may reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke.

LEFT AND RIGHT HEMISPHERE STROKE: COMMON PATTERNS

Left (Dominant)
Hemisphere Stroke:
Common Pattern

- Aphasia
- Right hemiparesis
- Right-sided sensory loss
- Right visual field defect
- Poor right conjugate gaze
- Dysarthria
- Difficulty reading, writing, or calculating

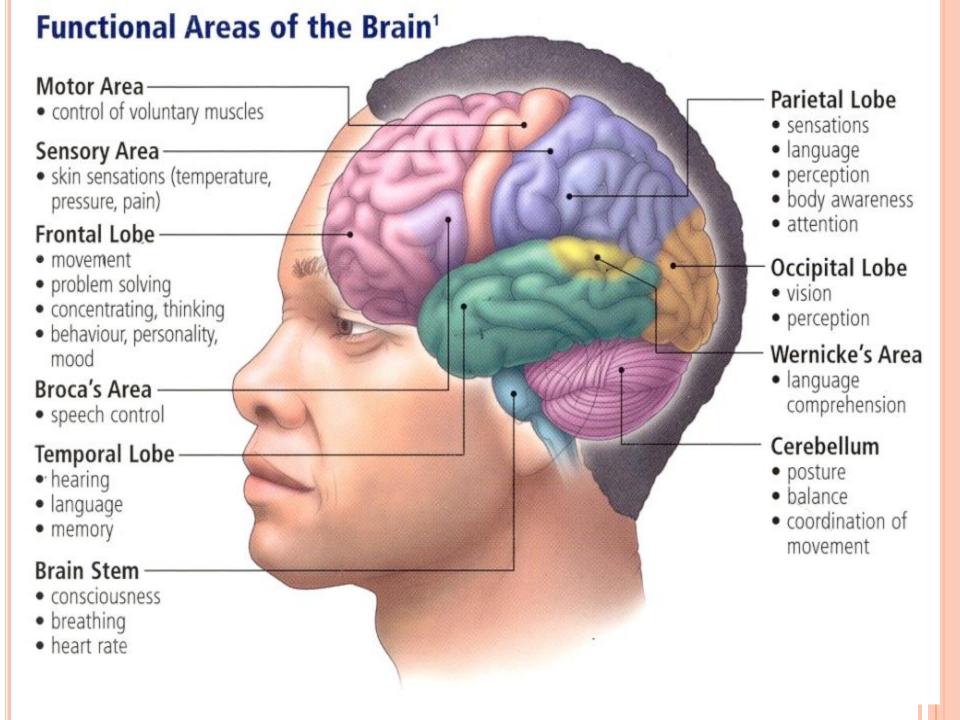
Right (Non-dominant)
Hemisphere Stroke:
Common Pattern

- Neglect of left visual field
- Extinction of left-sided stimuli
- Left hemiparesis
- Left-sided sensory loss
- Left visual field defect
- Poor left conjugate gaze
- Dysarthria
- Spatial disorientation

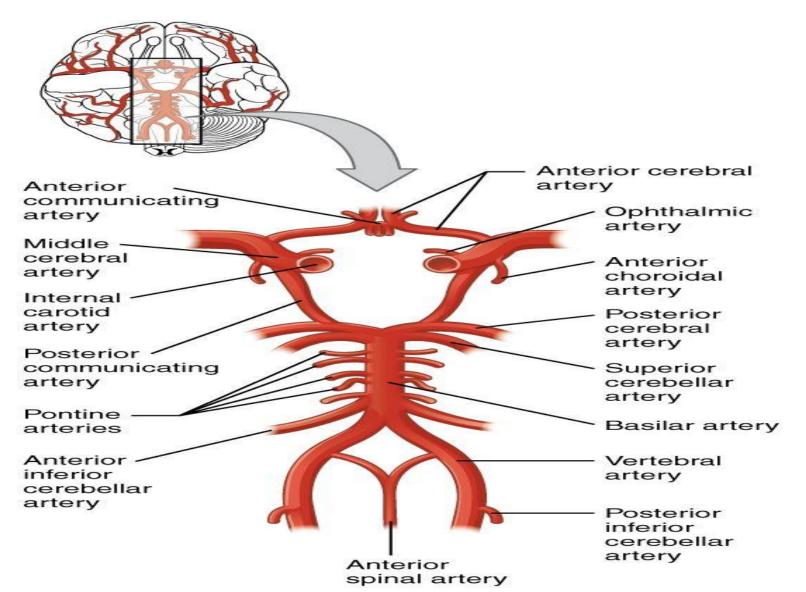
CLINICAL LOCALIZATION OF STROKE SYNDROMES

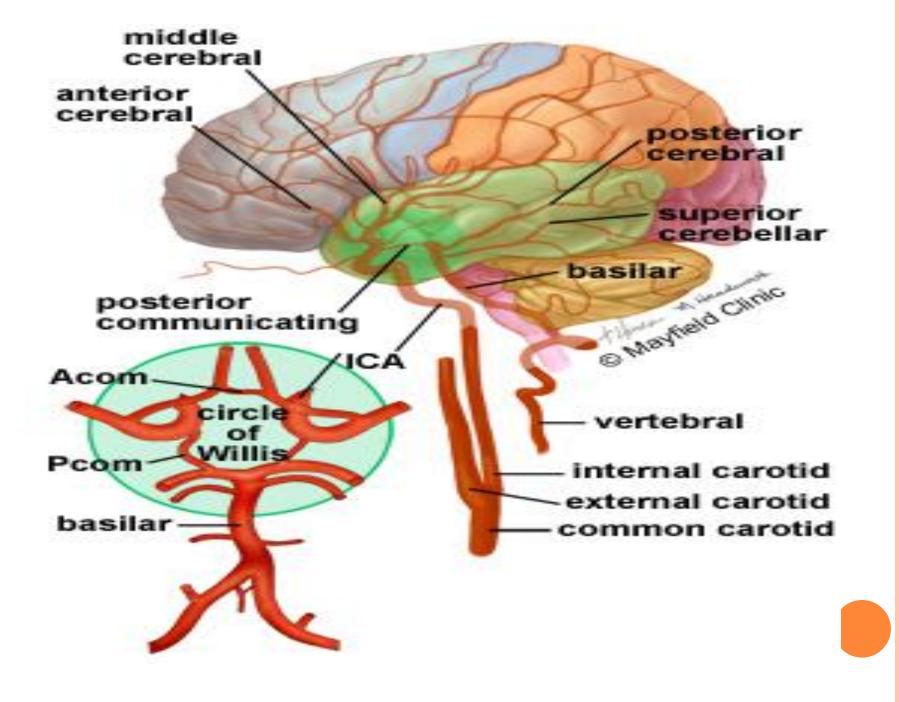
Prerequisites

- Functional anatomy of brain.
- Blood supply to the different parts of brain.



BLOOD SUPPLY OF BRAIN





LOCALIZATION OF STROKE SYNDROMES

- Clinical localization of the site of the lesion.
- Identifying the vascular territory and the vessel involved.
- Correlating with the imaging findings.

CLASSIFICATION

•Large vessel stroke within the anterior circulation

•Large vessel stroke within the posterior circulation

 Small vessel disease of either vascular bed

CEREBRAL CIRCULATION

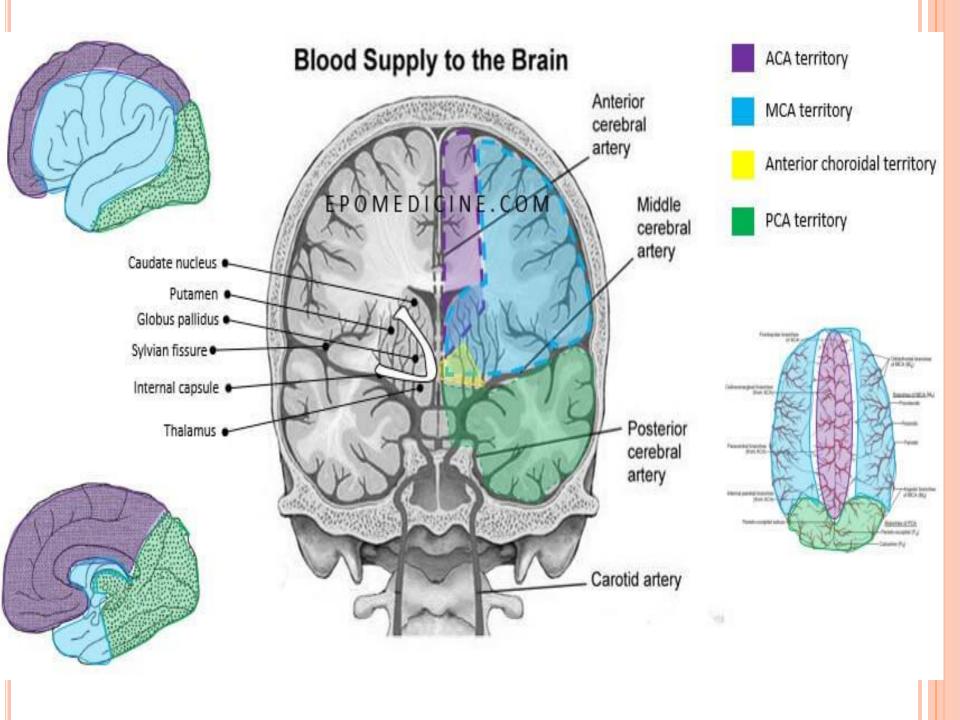
•Anterior circulation- MCA, ACA, and Anterior choroidal artery

 Posterior circulation-Vertebral artery, Basilar artery and Posterior cerebral artery

ANTERIOR CIRCULATION STROKE SYNDROMES

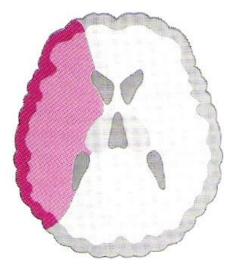
STROKE WITHIN THE ANTERIOR CIRCULATION

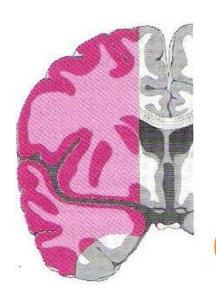
- Due to occlusion of Internal carotid artery and its branches
- Middle cerebral artery, Anterior
 cerebral artery and Anterior choroidal artery



MIDDLE CEREBRAL ARTERY INFARCTION - STEM OCCLUSION

- Clinical features
 - > Contralateral hemiplegia
 - Contralateral hemisensory loss
 - Contralateral gaze palsy
 - Contralateral hemianopia
 - Global dysphasia (Left sided lesion)
 - Anosognosia and amorphosynthesis (Right sided lesion)
 - Altered sensorium (due to edema)





MIDDLE CEREBRAL ARTERY INFARCTION-LENTICULOSTRIATAL OCCLUSION

- Deep penetrating or lenticulostriate branches— Internal capsule, caudate nuclues, putamen and outer pallidus
- Occlusion of lenticulostriate branches-
- If ischemia of internal capsule produces pure motor or sensorymotor stroke contralateral to the side of lesion
- If ischemia of putamen, palliduspredominantly parkinsonian features



ANTERIOR CEREBRAL ARTERY INFARCTION

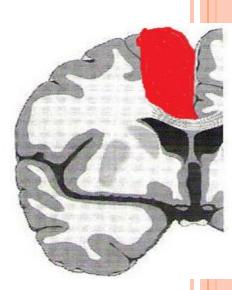
- Clinical features
 - Contralateral

a.paralysis of leg and foot with paresis of arm

b.cortical sensory loss over leg and foot c.presence of primitive reflexes

- Urinary incontinence
- Gait apraxia
- Mutism, delay and lack of spontaneity of motor acts
- Apraxia of left sided limbs(with left sided lesion and corpus callosum involvement)





ANTERIOR CHOROIDAL ARTERY

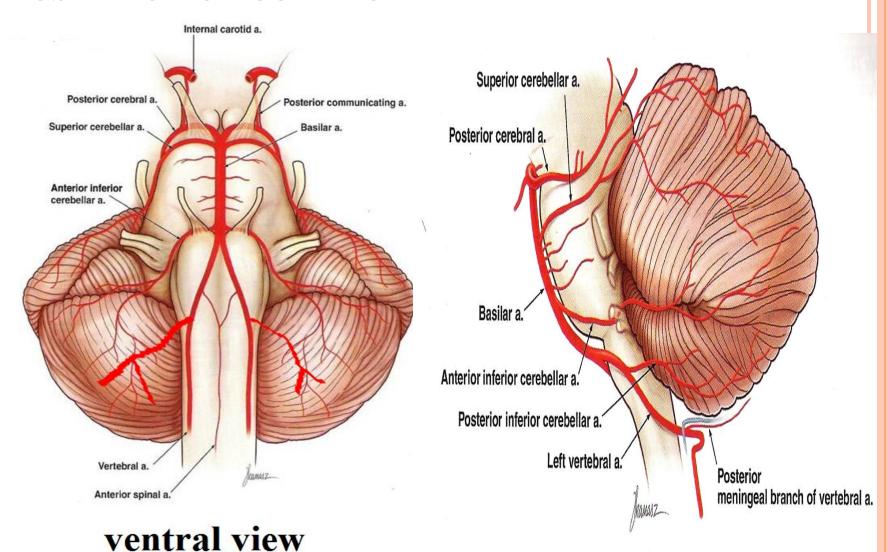
- Supplies posterior limb of internal capsule, retrolentiform and sublentiform parts
- Syndrome comprises
 - > c/l hemiplegia
 - > c/l hemianaesthesia
 - > c/l homonymous hemianopia

POSTERIOR CIRCULATION STROKE SYNDROMES

POSTERIOR CIRCULATION

- Supplies
- Cerebellum
- Medulla
- Pons
- Midbrain
- Thalamus
- Subthalamus
- Hippocampus
- Medial part of temporal lobe
- Occipital lobe

POSTERIOR CIRCULATION



LESIONS OF THE MEDULLA

• Medial medullary syndrome

• Lateral medullary syndrome

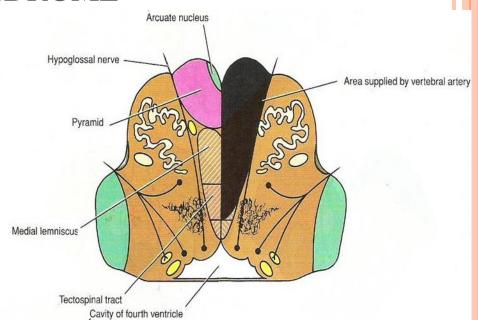
MEDIAL MEDULLARY SYNDROME

A.IPSILATERAL

1.XIIth nerve palsy

B.CONTRALATERAL

- 1.Hemiplegia sparing the face
- 2.Hemianaesthesia sparing the face.



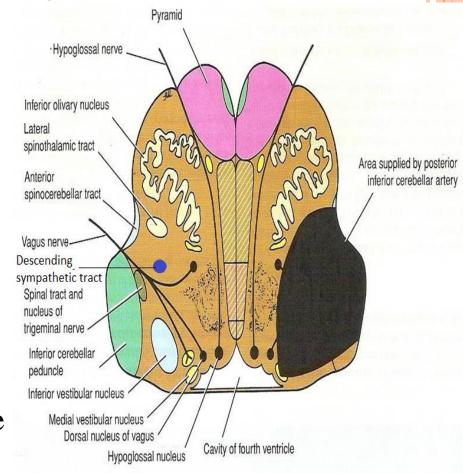
LATERAL MEDULLARY SYNDROME

A. IPSILATERAL

- 1.Xth cranial nerve palsy
- 2. Cerebellar signs
- 3. Horner's syndrome
- 4.Impaired pain, temperature and touch On the upper half of face

B. CONTRA LATERAL

1.Impaired pain and temperature over the body



BASILAR ARTERY

• Paramedian- wedge of pons in midline.

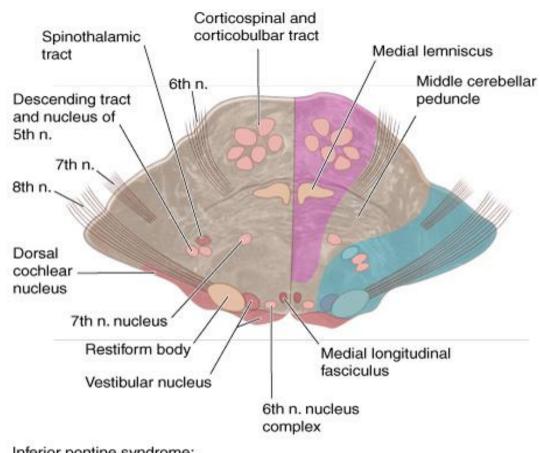
• Short circumerential- lateral two thirds of pons and middle and superior cerebellar peduncles.

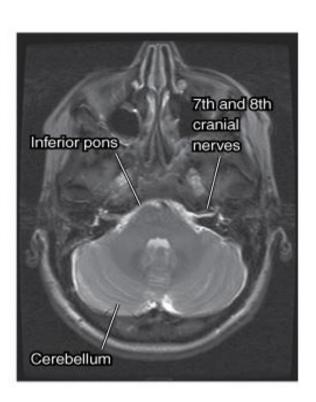
• Long circumferential- Superior and anterior inferior cerebellar.

Basilar artery syndromes

- o Occlusion of basilar artery-b/l brainstem signs.
- Occlusion of basilar branch artery- unilateral motor, sensory and cranial nerves.
- Complete basilar artery occlusion(Locked in state)-b/l long tract(sensory/motor) with cranial nerve and cerebellar dysfunction- preserved consciousness, quadriplegia and cranial nerve signs.

Inferior pontine syndrome





Inferior pontine syndrome:



MEDIAL INFERIOR PONTINE SYNDROME

- Results from thrombosis of the para median branches of the basilar artery. Affected structures--
- Corticospinal tract

Lesions result in contralateral spastic hemiparesis.

Medial lemniscus

Lesions result in contralateral loss of tactile sensation from the trunk extremities.

Abducent nerve roots

Lesions result in ipsilateral lateral rectus paralysis.

LATERAL INFERIOR PONTINE SYNDROME

• anterior inferior cerebellar artery (AICA) syndrome

Affected structures and resultant deficits include--

o facial nucleus and intraaxial nerve fibers

Lesions result in:

- Ipsilateral facial nerve paralysis
- > Ipsilateral loss of taste from the ant. 2/3 of tongue
- Ipsilateral loss of lacrimation and reduced
- salivation
- Loss of corneal and stapedial reflexes (efferent limbs).

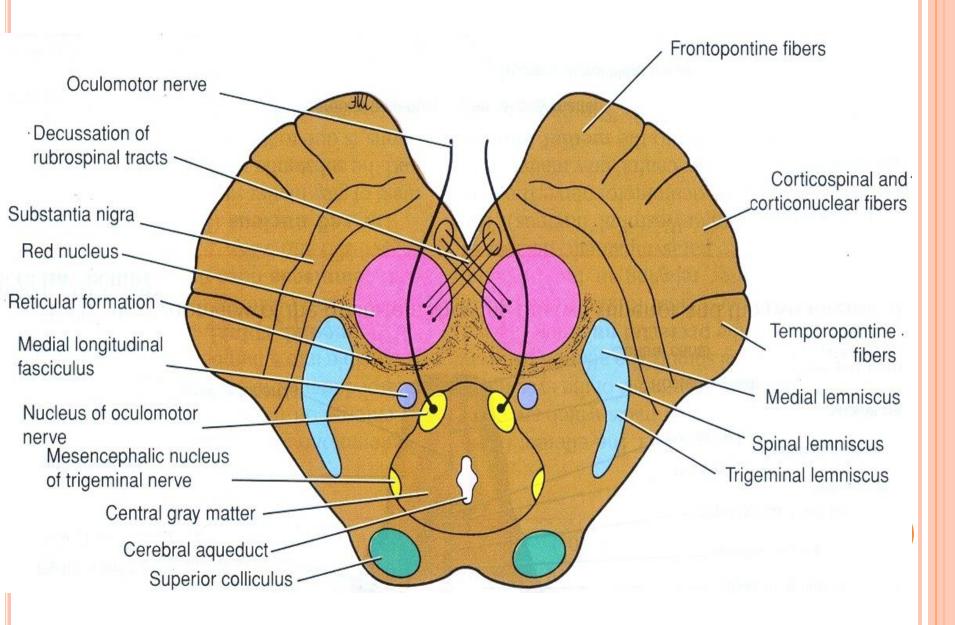
MEDIAL PONTINE SYNDROMES

 Caused due to occlusion of paramedian and short circumferential branches of basilar artery

 Corticobulbar and corticospinal-c/l face, arm and leg paralysis

 Cerebellar peduncles-ataxia of limb and gait

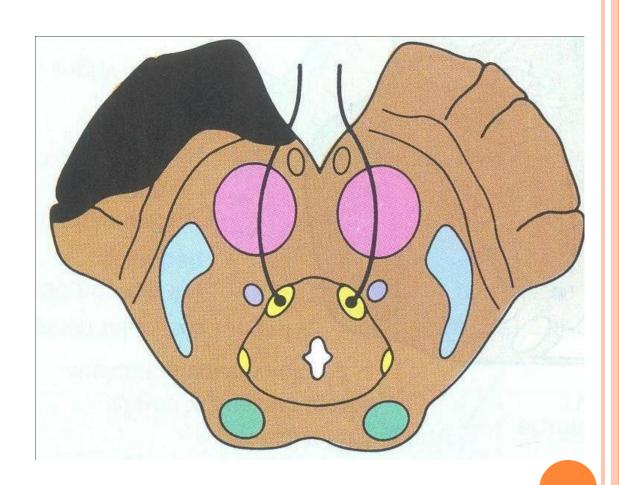
MID BRAIN SYNDROME



WEBER SYNDROME-OCCLUSION OF PERFORATING BRANCH OF POSTERIOR CEREBRAL ARTERY

Clinical features

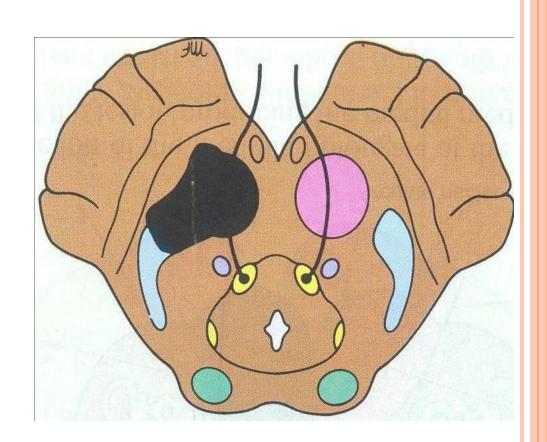
- 1.Ipsilateral
 a.3rd nerve palsy
- 2.Contralaterala.hemiplegia



BENEDIKT SYNDROME-OCCLUSION OF PERFORATING BRANCH OF POSTERIOR CEREBRAL

Clinical features

- 1.Ipsilateral
 a.3rd nerve palsy
- 2.Contralaterala.cerebellar ataxia



DORSAL MIDBRAIN (PARINAUD'S) SYNDROME

MIDBRAIN

CN III n. nucleus

-paralysis of upward and downward gaze

-pupillary disturbances (Pseudo-

Argyll Robertson pupils)

-absence of convergence (Convergence-Retraction nystagmus on Attempts at upward gaze)

-noncommunicating hydrocephalus

medial lemniscus

red nucleus

Ventral Midbrain Syndrome

CN III

Cerebral Peduncle

Dorsal Midbrain Syndrome

Superior Colliculus

Medial Longitudinal Fasciculus

cerebral aqueduct

DIFFERENTIATING FEATURES BETWEEN ANTERIOR AND POSTERIOR CIRCULATION STROKE

Clinical features	Posterior circulation	Anterior circulation
A.History		
1.Vertigo	Present	Absent
2.Unsteadiness	Present	Absent
B.Physical findings		
1.Crossed hemiplegia	Present	Absent
2.Bilateral deficits	Present	Absent
3.Cerebellar signs	Present	Absent
4.Ocular findings(LMN/INO/Gaze deviation to paralysed side)	Present	Absent
5.Dissociated sensory loss	Present	Absent
6.Sensory loss over V1 and V2	Present	Absent
7.Horners syndrome	Present	Absent

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF STROKE

Craniocerebral / cervical trauma Meningitis/encephalitis Intracranial mass

- Tumor
- Subdural hematoma

Seizure with persistent neurological signs Migraine with persistent neurological signs Metabolic

- Hyperglycemia
- Hypoglycemia
- Post-cardiac arrest ischemia
- Drug/narcotic overdose

INVESTIGATION OBJECTIVES

- To confirm the vascular nature of the lesion
- The pathological type of the vascular lesion
- The underlying vascular disease
- Risk factors present.

Investigations in acute stroke:

Diagnostic question

CT/MDI

Is it a vascular lesion?

CT/MRI

Investigation

Is it ischaemic or haemorrhagic?

CT/MRI

Is it a subarachnoid haemorrhage?

СТ

Lumbar puncture

Is there any cardiac source of

Electrocardiogram (ECG)
Echocardiogram

embolism?

Duplex ultrasound of carotids

What is the underlying vascular

Magnetic resonance angiography

disease?

(MRA)

CT angiography (CTA)

Contrast angiography

What are the risk factors? Full blood count

Cholesterol

Blood glucose

Is there an unusual cause? ESR

Clotting/thrombophilia screen

GENERAL INVESTIGATIONS

- Identify conditions which may predispose towards premature cerebrovasculardisease.
- Full blood count polycythemia, thrombocytopoenia.
- Blood glucose diabetes mellitus.
- Serum lipids hypercholesterolemia.
- Blood cultures SBE.
- HIV screen AIDS.
- Syphilis serology VDRL.
- Clotting Screen.
- Thrombophilia Screen Protein C, Protein S, AT- III.
- Anticardolipin antibodies SLE.
- Lumbar Puncture subarachnoid haemorrhage.

INVESTIGATION MODALITIES: BRAIN

NON-INVASIVE

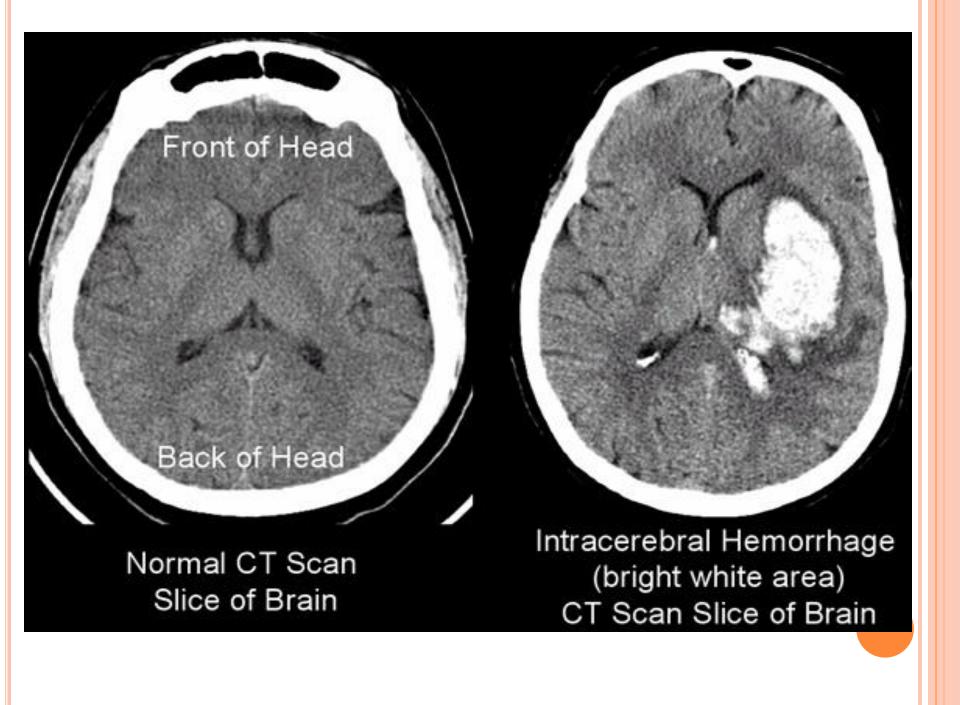
- o CT Scan
- MRI Scan
- MR Angiography
- Doppler Ultrasound
- EEG
- o PET
- SPECT

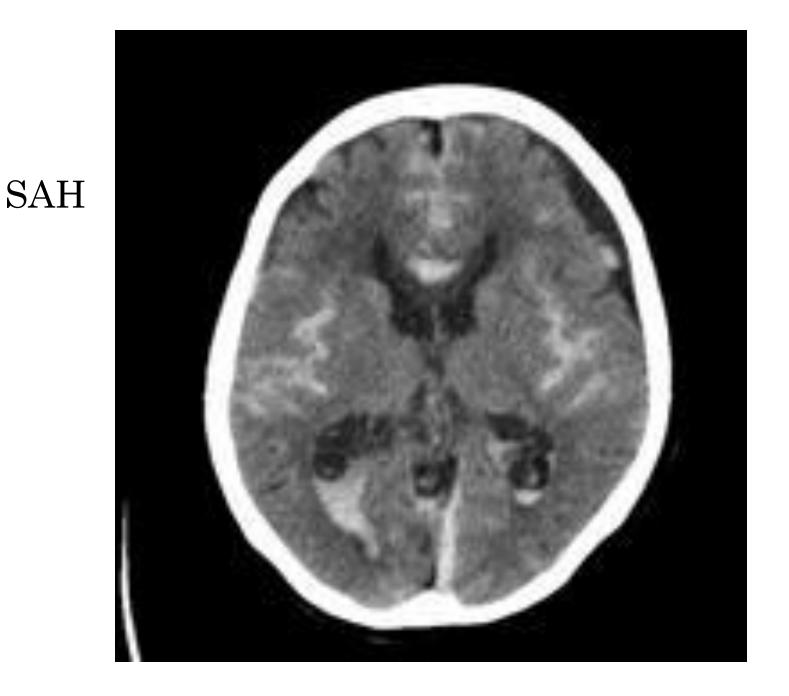
INVASIVE

- Lumbar Puncture
- Contrast Angiography (Cerebral Arteriography)
- CT Angiography

CT SCAN

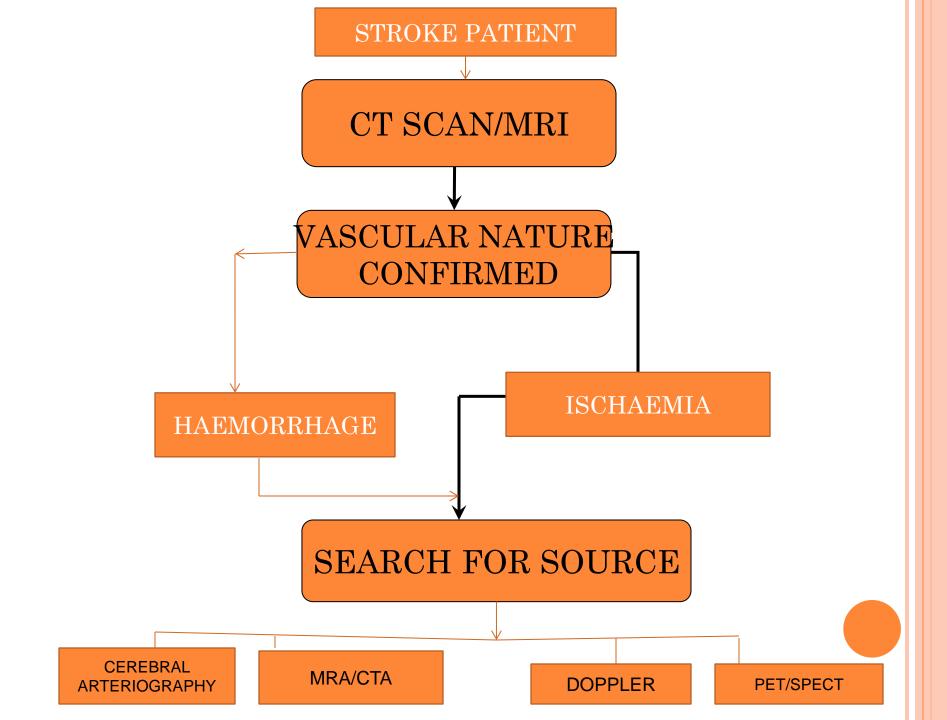
- Mandatory initial investigation
- Haemorrhage appears instantly as a hyperdense area
- Infarct appears as a hypodense area
- Infarct may not appear before 48 hrs
- MRI may be done instead but ct scan is more sensitive for detecting haemorrhage
- Diffusion weighted MRI is good for identifying ischaemic lesion.

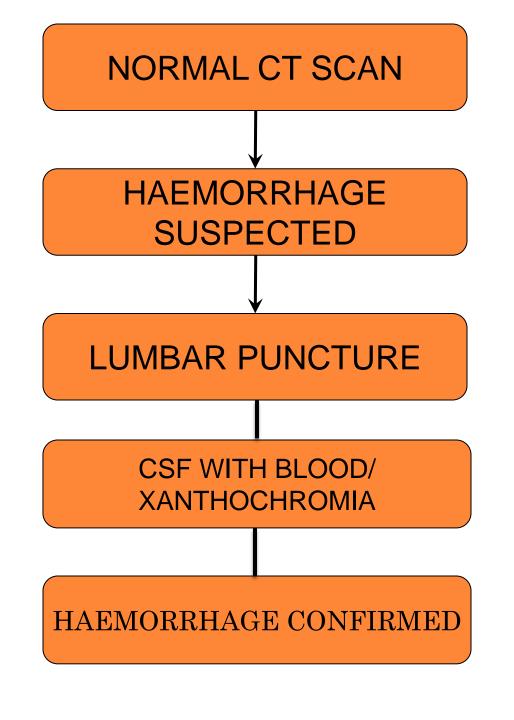




ISCHEMIC STROKE

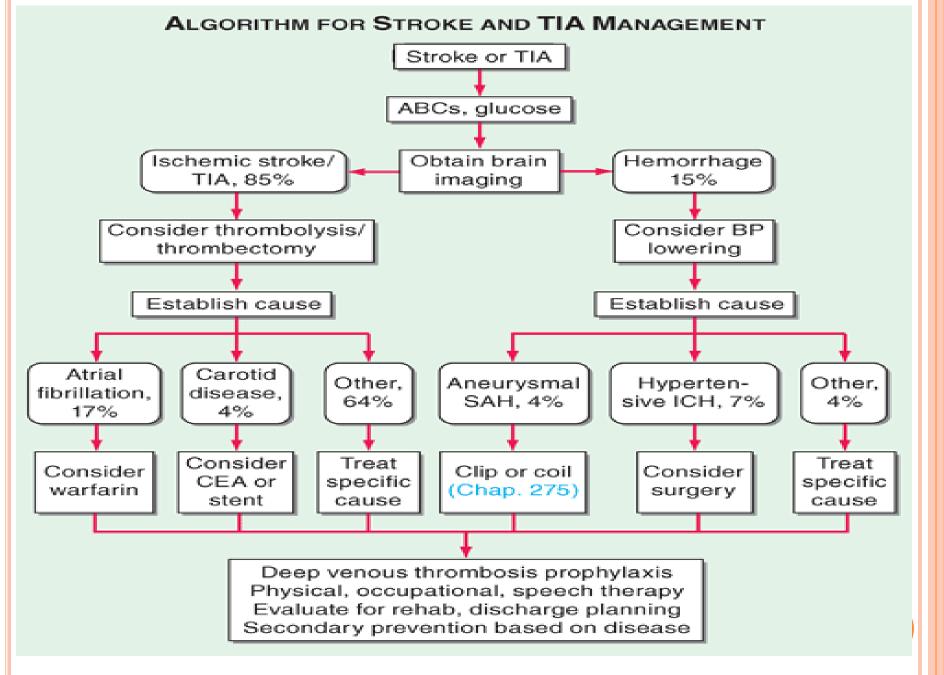






TREATMENT OBJECTIVES

- 1. Minimize volume of brain reversibly damaged
- 2. prevent complications
- 3. Rehabilitation
- 4. reduce risk of reccurence



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ASSESSMENT OF A PERSON WITH SUSPECTED STROKE & EMERGENCY SUPPORTIVE CARE

- EMS should be instructed in the rapid recognition, evaluation, treatment and transport
- Baseline assessment within minutes, CT scan ASAP)
- Immediate evaluation of the following:
 - 1. Airway
 - 2. Vital signs
 - 3. General medical assessment (including evidence of injury, cardiovascular abnormalities)
 - 4. Neurological assessment (frequent)
- Maintenance of adequate tissue oxygenation: protecting the airway, O2 inhalation
- Maintaining optimal blood pressure (autoregulation faulty or lost in stroke patients)

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PREVENTION

- A- antiplatelet and anti coagulants
- B- blood pressure lowering medication
- C- cholesterol lowering, cessation of

smoking

D- diet

E- exercise



MANAGEMENT OF A TRANSIENT ISCHAEMIC ATTACK (TIA)

MEDICAL MANAGEMENT

(if diffuse atherosclerotic disease or poor operative candidates)

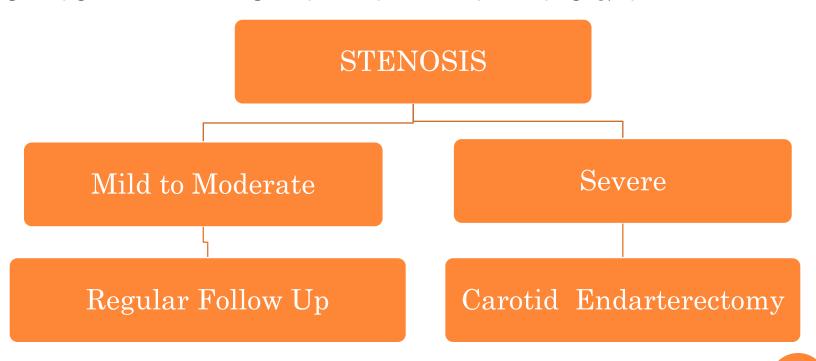
1. Stop smoking

- 2. Concurrent medical problems to be addressed:
 - Emboli from heart and other parts of cardiovascular system
 - (a) anti coagulants: Heparin(IV), Warfarin(oral)
 - (b) anti platelet drugs: Aspirin(oral), Ticlopidine
 - Diabetes, Hypertension, Hyperlipidemia

MANAGEMENT OF A TRANSIENT ISCHAEMIC ATTACK(TIA) – Cont'd

SURGICAL MANAGEMENT

• CAROTID AND CEREBRAL ARTERIOGRAPHY



• All above can be done only if there is relatively little atherosclerosis elsewhere in cerebrovascular system.

MANAGEMENT OF AN ACUTE EPISODE OF STROKE

- AIRWAY Maintain airway, prevent aspiration, keep nil per oral
- BREATHING Maintain oxygen saturation > 97%
 Supplementary oxygen
- CIRCULATION Adequacy of pulse and BP
 Fluid, Anti Arrhythmics, Ionotropes
- HYDRATION Prevent dehydration; give adequate fluids
 Parenteral or via nasogastric tube
- NUTRITION Nutritional supplements and Nasogatric feeding
- MEDICATION Administer medication also by routes other than oral

MANAGEMENT OF AN ACUTE EPISODE OF STROKE CONT'D

• BLOOD PRESSURE - unless indicated (heart or renal failure, hypertensive encephalopathy or aortic dissection) it should not be lowered for the fear of expansion of infarct.

Ischaemic stroke - maintain 180/110 mm Hg

Haemorrhagic stroke – keep MAP <115 mm Hg

- BLOOD GLUCOSE INSULIN to treat hyperglycaemia(can increase infarct size)
 - maintain < 200 mg%
- TEMPERATURE early use of antipyretics
- PRESSURE AREAS To prevent occurrence of decubitus ulcers
- INCONTINENCE

EARLY MANAGEMENT



A STROKE,
IS BRAIN LOST.

ACT FAST at the First Sign of STROKE









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ISCHAEMIC STROKE

- THROMBOLYTICS and REVASCULARISATION -
 - tPA (alteplase)-0.9mg/kg(max 90mg) 10% of dose – initial IV bolus remainder infused over one hour
 - to be used < 3 hrs of onset of symptoms (for maximum efficacy)
 - haemorrhage to be ruled out
- NEUROPROTECTIVE AGENTS.

ANTI PLATELET THERAPY

- Asprin, Clopidogrel
 - act by inhibiting platelet aggregation and adhesion.
 - aspirin 300mg single dose to be given immediately following diagnosis.
 - if alteplase given it can be with held for 24 hrs.
 - later aspirin at a dose of 75 mg in combination with clopidogrel 75 mg daily for about one year duration.

ANTI COAGULANTS

- HEPARINS , WARFARIN
 - -heparins act by accelerating the inhibition of factor II and factor X of coagulation cascade
 - -warfarin antagonises vitamin K to prevent activation of clotting factors
 - -decrease risk of recurrence and venous thromboembolism
 - -intra cranial haemorrhage to be excluded before therapy
 - -more useful if stroke is evolving
- HYPEROSMOLAR AGENTS
 - reduce cerebral oedema
 - 20% mannitol IV 100ml TID
 - oral glycerol if swallow is normal
- Concurrent medical problems such as atrial fibrillations to be tackled
- OTHERS:
 - PENTOXYPHYLLINE to be used within 12 hrs
 - -NEUROPROTECTIVE AGENTS

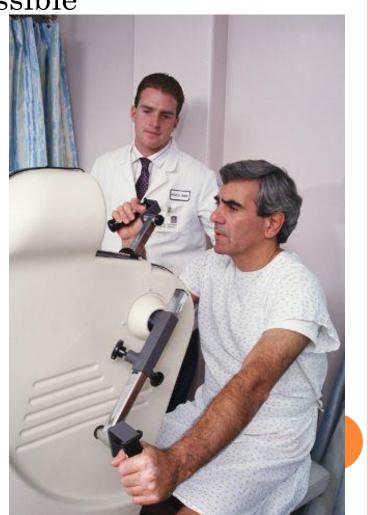
HAEMORRHAGIC STROKE

- Control of hypertension
- Control coagulation abnormalities (esp due to oral anticoagulants)
- Surgical decompression
- Surgery for aneurysms and arterio-venous malformations
- Anti platelet and anti coagulants are contraindicated

REHABILITATION

• Physiotherapy - as early as possible

- Occupational therapy
- Speech therapy
- Improve quality of life with motor aids -leg brace, toe spring, cane, walking stick



SECONDARY PREVENTION

- Blood pressure control
- Diabetes Management
- Lipid Management
- Smoking Cessation
- Alcohol Moderation
- Weight Reduction/Physical Activity
- Carotid Artery Interventions
- Anti platelet agents / Anti coagulants
- Statins
- Diuretics +/- ACE inhibitors



27.8 Complications of acute stroke

Complication	Prevention	Treatment
Chest infection	Nurse semi-erect Avoid aspiration (nil by mouth, nasogastric tube, possible gastrostomy)	Antibiotics Physiotherapy
Epileptic seizures	Maintain cerebral oxygenation Avoid metabolic disturbance	Anticonvulsants
Deep venous thrombosis/ pulmonary embolism	Maintain hydration Early mobilisation Anti-embolism stockings Heparin (for high-risk patients only)	Anticoagulation (exclude haemorrhagic stroke first)
Painful shoulder	Avoid traction injury Shoulder/arm supports Physiotherapy	Physiotherapy Local corticosteroid injections
Pressure sores	Frequent turning Monitor pressure areas Avoid urinary damage to skin	Nursing care Pressure-relieving mattress
Urinary infection	Avoid catheterisation if possible Use penile sheath	Antibiotics
Constipation	Appropriate aperients and diet	Appropriate aperients
Depression and anxiety	Maintain positive attitude and provide	Antidepressants

POOR PROGNOSTIC FACTORS IN STROKE

- oAccompanying fever
- \circ Hypotension
- oLow oxygen saturation
- oHypoglyemia & hyperglycemia
- oPontine haemmorhage
- oLow gcs score
- oHeart failure
- oSeverity of hemiparesis

PROGNOSIS

ISCHAEMIC STROKE

- Mortality rate in first 30 days is 8-12%
- Can vary depending upon size, location, symptoms of stroke
- Time that elapses from the event to medical intervention
- First 3 hrs after stroke GOLDEN PERIOD

INTRACEREBRAL HAEMORRHAGE

- Mortality rate in first 30 days is almost 50%
- Site and extent of hematoma also plays a role in determining the prognosis
- Hamorrhagic strokes have a poor prognosis compared to ischaemic type.



• Thank You



