

TARGET AUDIENCE	Primary Care
PATIENT GROUP	TIA and Stroke Patients
Endorsing Body	Stroke MCN



Primary Care Fast Track Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA) A Clinic Referral Guidance

Non-stroke most likely e.g. progressive symptoms, headache predominant, episode included Transient Loss of Consciousness etc

Not for TIA clinic

Don't give aspirin

Consider alternative

referral routes if need

specialist advice e.g.

medicine, neurology,

Ear Nose and Throat

Suspected TIA or STROKE with <u>any</u> persisting symptoms/ signs

Crescendo TIAs (2 or more TIAs in one week)





Redirect to Emergency
Department for brain imaging
via ambulance

If too frail for (or refuses) admission
- consider Realistic Medicine
or Hospital at home

TIA (brief focal neurology, fully resolved)





Tell patient not to drive for 1 month

atorvastatin 40mg OD

Refer local TIA clinic via SCI referral on same day

(if we vet as urgent, should be seen in 4 days. If vetted as non-urgent may be a number of weeks)

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