

**Massachusetts EMS Region III
Point-of-Entry Plan
STROKE**

Patients meeting the **Stroke Alert Criteria** as defined by the most current MA Statewide Treatment Protocol for **Stroke 2.18** will be transported to the closest Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH) designated Primary Stroke Service (PSS) hospital or a recognized out-of-state hospital.

- If any one of the signs of the stroke scale found in the most current MA Statewide Treatment Protocol for Stroke 2.18 is abnormal and onset of symptoms is less than **5 hours**, notify the receiving hospital as early as possible of a “Stroke Alert”; say “Stroke Alert” before beginning entry notification.
- If the onset of signs and symptoms of stroke PLUS transport time is less than **5 hours** transport patient to the closet MDPH designated PSS hospital or recognized out-of-state hospital.
- If patient has depressed level of consciousness, compromised airway control, known hypoglycemia, suspected severe hypoglycemia (diaphoretic and a known diabetic), or is hemodynamically unstable it may be more appropriate to transfer to nearest receiving hospital for acute stabilization.
- If CT Scan capability is unavailable at the closest PSS the patient should be transported to the next nearest PSS.

MDPH Designated Primary Stroke Service (PSS) Hospitals - EMS Region 3

Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport
Addison Gilbert Hospital, Gloucester
Beverly Hospital, Beverly
CHA Everett Hospital, Everett
Holy Family Hospital, Methuen
Holy Family Hospital at Merrimack Valley, Haverhill
Lahey Medical Center, Peabody
Lawrence General Hospital, Lawrence
Lowell General Hospital, Lowell
Lowell General Hospital - Saints Campus, Lowell
Melrose/Wakefield Hospital, Melrose
North Shore Medical Center, Salem

Recognized Out-of-State Hospitals

Southern NH Medical Center, Nashua, NH
St. Joseph Hospital, Nashua, NH