



Transient Focal Neurologic Deficit

Developed by	American Academy of Neurology
How developed	In 2014, a survey identified the most common reasons for referral. In 2018, the content was reviewed and updated by experts. The templates were developed after review of the literature. In addition to a dedicated work group, multiple committees were asked to review and comment.
Additional essential patient information	<p>A brief summary of the case details pertinent to the referral, including vascular risk factors, family history and a history of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous similar events • Atrial Fibrillation • Cardiovascular or peripheral vascular disease <p>Please indicate in the summary if the patient has any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Headache • Incomplete recovery • Identified triggers (e.g. position) <p>Provide the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blood Pressure • Fasting lipid and glucose levels • Start anti-platelet agent unless contraindicated.
Additional patient information, if available	If deficit improved, but did not resolve, head imaging (CT or MRI)
Alarm symptoms/conditions	If the transient deficit is not easily accounted for by non-vascular mechanisms, the patient should be sent to the ER for rapid assessment for a treatable vascular mechanism and treatment of stroke.
Tests/procedures to avoid prior to neurologic evaluation; if they have been performed, please forward results	<p>If prompt neurologic evaluation is obtained, the following tests will not be needed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MRI or CT scans • Cardiac Imaging • Carotid imaging • EEG
Common rule-outs to consider prior to consults	Seizures, migraine, hypoglycemia, functional disorder
Relevant "Choosing Wisely" elements	None provided
Healthcare professional and/or patient resources	<p>Healthcare Professional Information:</p> <p>Powers WJ et al. Stroke. 2018;49:e46-e99</p> <p>Patient Information:</p> <p>http://www.ninds.nih.gov/disorders/stroke/stroke.htm</p>