

# AT&R - TIA Assessment Pathway

Patient Identification Label
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Doctor Completing ..... Date: .....

Diagnosis: Are you confident of the diagnosis  Yes  No  
 Carotid territory  Posterior Circulation  Unknown

### TIA symptoms and signs

Typical of TIA*	Not typical of TIA (if in isolation – without typical symptoms)
Unilateral weakness face/arm/leg (50%)	Confusion (exclude dysphasia)
Unilateral altered sensation (35%)	Impaired consciousness
Dysphasia (18%)	Dizziness or light headed
Monocular Blindness (18%)	Fainting or syncope
Hemianopia (5%)	Amnesia
	Generalised weakness or sensory symptoms
	Bilateral blurred vision or scintillating scotoma
	Incontinence – bladder or bowel

\*(%) = frequency reported in Oxfordshire Community Stroke Project

**Note** - dysarthria (23%), ataxia (12%), vertigo (5%), diplopia (5%) and dysphagia (1%) are not diagnostic of TIA but may be consistent with TIA if occur in conjunction with typical symptoms

### ABCD2 7 Day Risk of Stroke following TIA

			Score
<b>Age</b>	≥ 60	= 1	
<b>Blood Pressure</b>	> 140 Sys and / or Dias > 90mm Hg	= 1	
<b>Clinical Features</b>	Unilateral weakness	= 2	
	Speech disturbance and no weakness	= 1	
	Other	= 0	
<b>Duration of Symptoms</b>	≥ 60 minutes	= 2	
	10 – 59 mins	= 1	
	< 10 mins	= 0	
<b>Diabetes</b>	History	= 1	
<b>Total:</b>			

**Score ≤ 5**  
↓  
Refer TIA clinic  
Please complete Part II of this sheet

**Score = 6 or 7**  
↓  
Admit for urgent assessment

**PART II: REFERRAL TO TIA CLINIC**

**ABCD2 Score :**

**Major Co-morbidities:**

Investigations	Done	Not Done	Abn
FBC			
ESR			
U&Es			
Creatinine			
Glucose			
ECG			

Risk factors	Yes	No	Unk
Hypertension			
Diabetes			
Cholesterol			
Smoking – past			
Smoking – current			
Atrial fibrillation (any)			
Cardiac murmur			

Discharged on:	Y	N	NA
Aspirin			
Dipyridamole			
Warfarin			

Currently on:	Y	N	NA
Antihypertensive			
Statin			

If a current smoker has antismoking advice been given  Yes  No

Driving advice (single TIA = no driving for 1 month, multiple TIA's = 3 months)

- Please advise patients they will be contacted for urgent assessments and review.
- Is the TIA in carotid territory  Yes  No  Unknown
- If yes, is the patient a potential candidate for carotid surgery (ie fit for surgery and no life threatening co-morbidities)  Yes  No  Unknown

**Please Fax both pages to AT&R on 2145788**

**For AT&R Use**

- CT Scan  Yes  No  Requested ...../...../.....
- Carotid Ultrasound  Yes  No  Requested ...../...../.....
- Echocardiogram  Yes  No  Requested ...../...../.....

Clinic Booked for .....