

“Stroke Protocol for Joint Commission Certified Stroke Centers”

Title: Stroke Protocol

Effective Date: June 2009

Purpose: To establish a process for Interpreting and Communicating Stroke Alert Results

Policy: ORMG strictly adheres to the existing Stroke Protocol Processes in place for Client Facilities.

Procedure

1. Exams designated as Stroke Alerts will be identified by Client Facility and communicated to ORMG via Facsimile or telephone by authorized personnel.
2. ORMG will prioritize exam by alerting all available Radiologists with appropriate hospital credentials and privileges.
3. Stroke Alert exam will be interpreted by ORMG within 10-15 minutes of receipt of images and patient history.
4. ORMG Radiologist will interpret exam and designate results as a Critical Result, whether findings are Positive or Negative for Stroke.
5. Once the Stroke Alert has been reported to the responsible licensed caregiver, ORMG will document the communication and a secondary patient report will be faxed to CLIENT indicating the following:
 - a. Time Results were called to CLIENT facility.
 - b. Name of responsible licensed care giver (i.e. nurse, physician)
 - c. Name of ORMG physician or designee who called critical finding

Developed by: ORMG Administration

Policy Primary: VP of Operations