

# SICK PERSON

## Pre-Arrival Instructions

Gather patient's medications, if possible

If the patient's condition changes call me back

If the patient has Addison's disease look for signs of "Addison's Crisis":

- Severe vomiting and diarrhea
- Dehydration
- Low blood pressure
- Loss of consciousness

**If the caller is requesting information about Ebola have them call the Ebola Hotline (NJ Poison Control) : 1-800-962-1253**

### Prompts

### Short Report

If unconscious and breathing normally GO TO; **UNCONCIOUS/BREATHING NORMALLY AIRWAY CONTROL**

If unconscious and NOT breathing normally GO TO; **CPR** for appropriate age group.

If a specific Chief Complaint is identified the EMD should GO TO the appropriate guidecard.

Age  
Sex  
Specific location  
Chief complaint  
Pertinent related symptoms  
Medical/ surgical history  
Other Agencies responding  
Any dangers to responders

# STROKE / CVA

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KEY QUESTIONS

*"When did this start?"*

*"Does the patient have..."*

*"...sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg?"* (Especially on one (1) side of the body)

*"...sudden confusion, trouble speaking (slurring) or understanding?"*

*"...sudden trouble seeing in one (1) or both eyes?"*

*"...sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination?"*

*"...sudden severe headache?"*

*"Has the patient ever had a stroke?"*

*"Has the patient had any recent injury/trauma?"*

*"A history of diabetes?"*

*"Any other medical or surgical history?"*

### SIMULTANEOUS ALS/BLS

### BLS.DISPATCH

DISPATCH

Unconscious/ NOT breathing normally

Marked change in level of consciousness

New onset of one (1) sided weakness with paralysis, facial droop, slurred speech, confusion, loss of vision, loss of consciousness or severe headache

Past history of stroke (CVA) with no new changes