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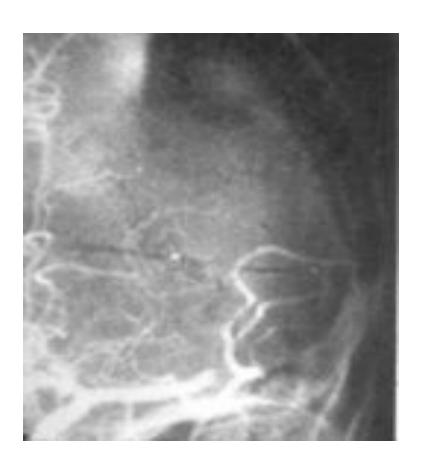
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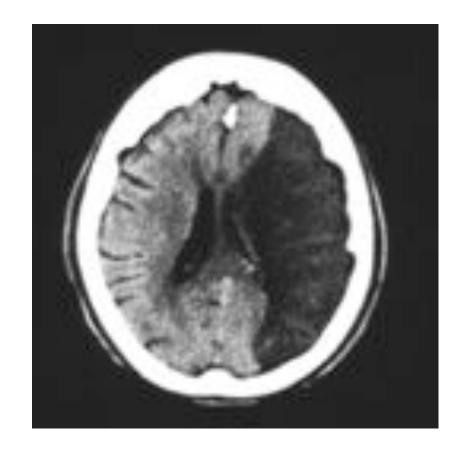
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Why do we care about stroke?

- Third leading cause of death
- Leading cause of adult disability
- 20-30% mortality

Middle Cerebral Infarction





Tissue-Plasminogen Activator in Acute Ischemic Stroke

- Double-blinded
- Placebo controlled
- 0.9mg/kg
- 624 patients
- Treated within 3 hours
 - 1/2 within 90 minutes
 - 1/2 within 91-180 minutes
- 4 Outcome measures

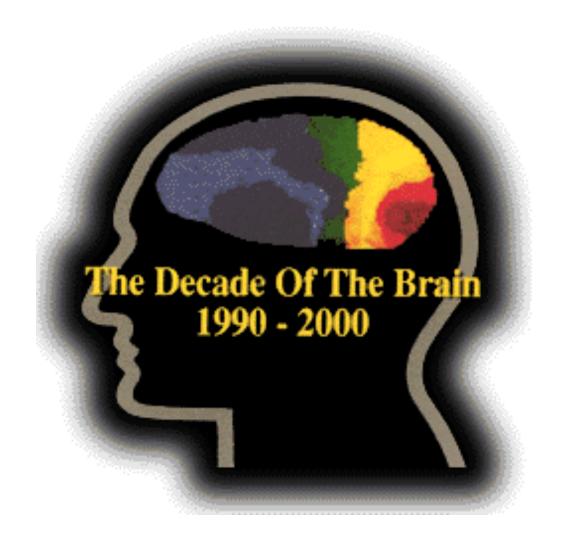
NINDS rt-PA Stroke Trial Results

- 30% more likely to have favorable 3-month outcome
 - <u>1.9</u> (1.2-2.9)=Odds Ratio (0-90 minutes)
 - 1.7 (1.3-2.9)=Odds Ratio (91-180) minutes)
- Significantly higher intracerebral hemorrhage rate
 - <u>0.6</u>% Placebo
 - 6.4% rt-PA
- No difference in mortality
 - 21% Placebo
 - <u>17</u>% rt-PA

Time to Treatment



- <u>3 hrs</u> = therapeutic window
- <u>5.7 hrs</u> = median time to ED arrival
- <u>3.6%</u> = % treated in NINDS (624 of 17,324)



Stroke Chain of Survival & Recovery

- Detection: Early Recognition
- Dispatch: Early EMS Activation
- Delivery: Transport & Management
- Door: ED Triage
- Data: ED Evaluation & Management
- Decision: Specific Therapies
- Drug: Thrombolytic & Neuroprotective Therapy

Detection

- What are Signs & Symptoms?
 - 43% general public didn't know any
 - 39% of acute stroke patients didn't know any

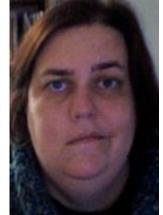
- What are Risk Factors?
 - 32% general public didn't know any
 - 43% of acute stroke patients didn't know any

What do you need to know about stroke?

- Signs & Symptoms
 - one-sided extremity weakness
 - one-sided numbness
 - difficulty speaking
 - visual problems

- Risk Factors
 - hypertension
 - diabetes mellitus
 - smoking
 - heart disease
 - prior strokes
 - older age
 - race (African-Americans)

Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale



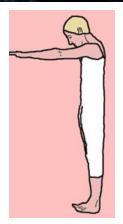
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Facial Droop

Normal: Both sides of face move equally

Abnormal: One side of face does not move at all



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Arm Drift

Normal: Both arms move equally or not at all

Abnormal: One arm drifts compared to the other



<u>Speech</u>

ormal: Patients use correct words with no slurring

Abnormal: Slurred or inappropriate words or mute

Dispatch: Call 911



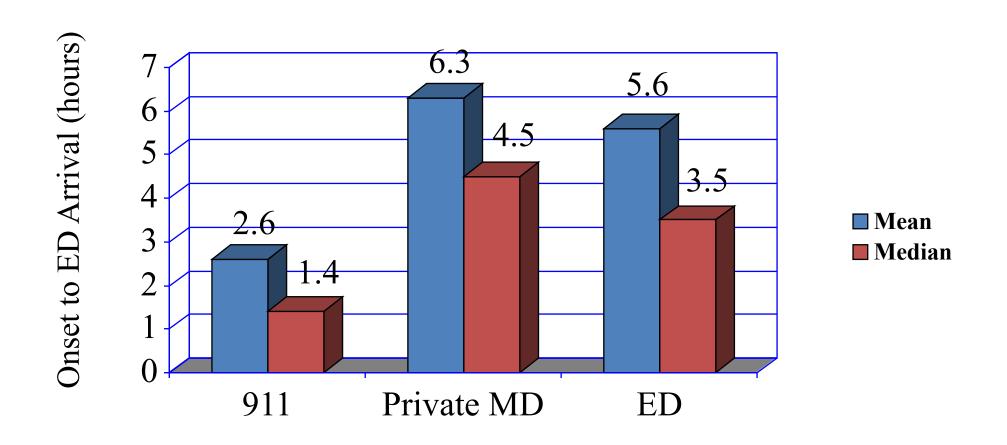
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General Publics' Perception of What to do in Case of a Stroke

90% would seek medical attention

- 43% call 911 immediately
- 26% call their family doctor
- 11% go straight to the ED

Initial Medical Contact versus Time of ED Arrival



Delivery: Transport & Management



- ABCs
- Stroke recognition
- Time of onset
- Neurological evaluation
- Check glucose
- Early hospital notification
- Rapid Transport!!!!!!

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Emergency Department Management



Door: ED Triage

Data: ED Evaluation

Decision: Specific Therapies

Drug: Thrombolytic Therapy

Triage



Data





Decision (Who Should I Treat?)

- Inclusion Criteria
- Exclusion Criteria

Inclusion Criteria

- Clinical Presentation of Ischemic Stroke
- Onset within 3 hours

Exclusion Criteria

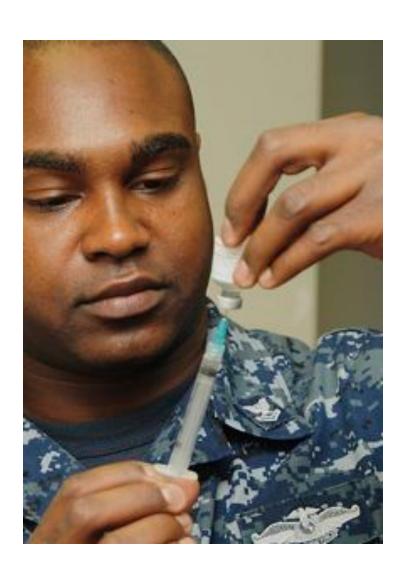
- Onset >3 hours
- BP>185/110
- Hemorrhage on CT
- Seizure at onset
- Surgery 14 days
- Trauma 3 months
- Stroke 3 months
- Minimal or resolving symptoms

- GI/GU bleed 21 days
- Prior ICH or SAH
- Recent MI
- On Coumadin PT>1.5
- On heparin PTT>21
- Platelets <100,000
- Glucose >400

Drug (How Do You Treat?)

- Pre-Treatment
 - glucose, NIHSS, CT, Consent
- Dosing
- Monitoring

Dosing



- 0.9 mg/kg (max.=90 mg)
- 10% bolus (over 1 minute)
- 1 hour infusion

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Patient Monitoring

- ICU admission (24 hours)
- Neuro checks
 - Q 15 minute X 6 hours
 - Q 1 hour X 18 hours
- BP checks

Blood Pressure Management

- Non-Thrombolytic Candidates
- Thrombolytic Candidates
 - pre-treatment (185/110 mmHg)
 - during & post-treatment

BP Management

- Non-Thrombolytic Candidate
 - Don't Treat!!!
- Pre-Thrombolysis
 - Be Gentle!!!
- During & Post-Thrombolysis
 - Be Aggressive!!!

NINDS-Recommended Targets

Door-to-doctor
 10 minutes

Door-to-CT
 25 minutes

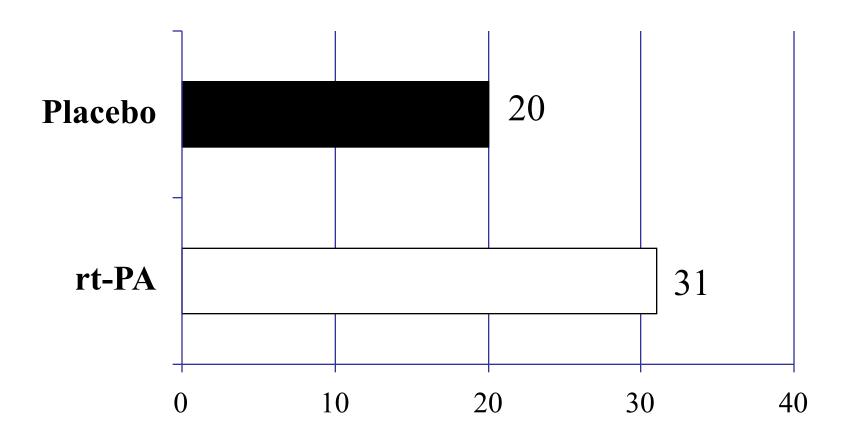
Door-to-CT reading 45 minutes

Door-to-treatment 60 minutes

Stroke Chain of Survival & Recovery

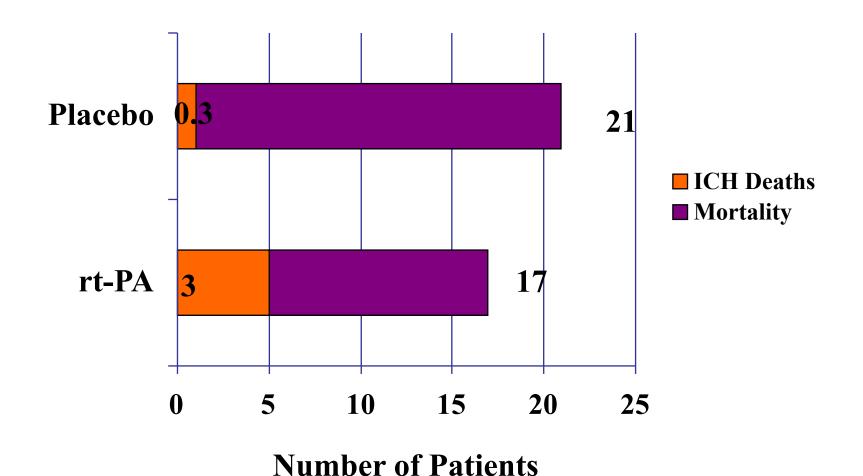
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3-Month Favorable Outcome



Number of Patients

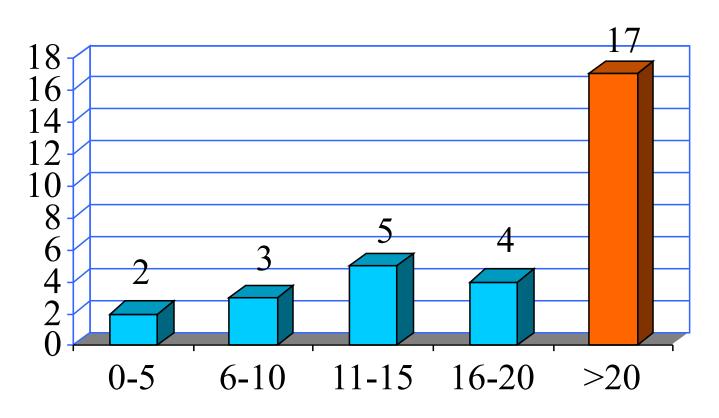
ICH Deaths and Mortality



(N Engl J Med 1995:333)

Baseline NIHSS and ICH in the NINDS Trial

Percentage of t-PA Patients with Symptomatic ICH



Baseline NIH Stroke Scale Score

Disposition Results from NINDS Trial

LOS	rt-PA n=312 10.88+10.04	Placebo n=312 12.41+11.10	p Value 0.02
(mean days +SD) Disposition			0.002*
Home	151 (48%)	112(36%)	
Rehab unit	91 (29%)	115 (37%)	
Nursing home	22 (7%)	39 (13%)	
Dead	35 (11%)	40 (13%)	
Other	13 (4%)	6 (2%)	

Extending the Therapeutic Window

		Outcome	ICH	Mortality
		3-month [§]	symp.	3-month
ATLANTIS	tPA	33%	6.7%*	10.9%
	placebo	33%	1.1%*	6.9%
ECASS	tPA	36%	20%*	18%*
	placebo	29%	7%*	13%*
ECASS II	tPA	40.3%	8.8%*	10.5%
	placebo	36.6%	3.4%*	10.7%

^{§ %} mRankin 0-1 for ECASS I & II, NIHSS<1 for ALANTIS at 3-months

Randomized Streptokinase Trials

Study	<u>N</u>	Time to Treat	Treatment	<u>ICH</u>	Mortality
	<4 hrs	SK+ASA	NA	43%	
			ASA	NA	22%
MAST-E	270	≤6 hrs	SK	18%	35%
			Placebo	3%	18%
MAST-I	622	≤6 hrs	SK+ASA	10%	34%
			SK	6%	19%
			ASA	2%	10%
			Placebo	0.6%	13%