

New Mexico Stroke Assessment Tool (NMSAT)

- The patient may still be having a stroke even if all NMSAT criteria are not met. If all criteria are not met, and stroke is still suspected, treat the patient under stroke treatment and transport protocols. Notify the receiving facility that the patient is a **RULE OUT STROKE**.
- **DO NOT DELAY RAPID TRANSPORT** of a suspected stroke patient. Obtain as much history and assessment as possible **WHILE ENROUTE**. If necessary, transport the patient with witness or a family member.

PATIENT NAME: _____	PATIENT AGE: _____	M / F (circle one)
PROVIDERS NAME: _____	TODAYS DATE: _____	
WITNESS NAME: _____	WITNESS PHONE: _____	
EVENT HISTORY/ COMMENTS: _____		
LAST TIME THE PATIENT WAS SEEN WITHOUT SYMPTOMS		
DATE: _____	TIME: _____	
SCREENING CRITERIA	TRUE	FALSE
1. Sudden onset of new onset of neurologic symptoms in last 12 hours.	_____	_____
2. Blood Glucose between 60 and 400.	_____	_____
3. Symptoms were not immediately preceded by a seizure.	_____	_____
4. Focused assessment (IF 2 OR MORE SYMPTOMS PRESENT, CHECK TRUE)	PRESENT	
Facial droop present on one side only? (ask the patient to smile)	_____	_____
Arm drift present on one side only? (ask the patient to hold their arms out in front of them and keep them level)	_____	_____
Leg Weakness present on one side only? (NEW ONSET difficult or unable to walk)	_____	_____
Speech deficit present? (i.e. slurred or inappropriate words or mute)	_____	_____
5. Based on exam, patient has only unilateral PAINLESS deficit(s) and not bilateral or painful deficit(s)?	_____	_____
** IF TRUE TO ALL ITEMS ABOVE, NMSAT CRITERIA HAS BEEN MET **		
** CONTACT THE RECEIVING HOSPITAL TO ACTIVATE A "CODE STROKE" **		