

STROKE Cheat Sheet

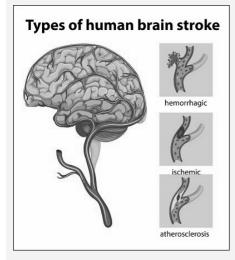
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Guidelines

QH FEEDS Stroke dietetic support process 2020 Stroke Foundation Clinical Guidelines for Stroke Management (nutrition pg 5)

2021 European Stroke Organisation and European Society for Swallowing Disorders guideline for the diagnosis and treatment of post-stroke dysphagia

Types



Stroke types

Ischemic	Blood clot in brain (more
	common). Sudden.
Haemor-	Vessel rupture, bleeding (eg
rhagic	trauma, HTN). Sudden.
Transient	Temporary blockage of blood
ischaemic	flow to the brain.↑ chance of
attack (TIA)	stroke. Symptoms usually
mini stroke	resolve 1/7

S/S

tingling in hand	hoarse voice
drooping eye	ataxia (impaired coordi-
(ptosis)	nation)

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S/S (cont)

headache ↓ sensation (pain, temperature) – one side of body

FAST = Face (droop?), Arms (one side weaker?), Speech (sluring?), Time (seek help fast)

NIS

reduced oral intake	taste changes
swallowing difficulties	motor function -
(neurological	ability to self-
dysphagia)	feed
aspiration risk	dehydration

Nut Regs

CVA (cerebrovascular) simple ratio, or Repletion (clinical judgement)

Intervention

Screen for malnutrition (MNA)

Maintaining weight and muscle mass during rehabilitation

Preventing malnutrition

 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{EN}}$ - Consider when below 65% of needs. NG.

Intentional weight loss is not recommended in the early post-stroke period

Refer: Speechie & OT - Swallowing & cognitive assessment. Texture modification. Assistive cutlery.

Consider: food preferences, appearance, variation, medications, consulting with family, living situation, access to ONS, support?, location

Don't focus on diabetes – medical management. Malnut is more important.

Outpatient: encourage heart healthy diet. 5Fs - Fibre, fish, fats, fitness, phytosterols

Outpatient: Weight loss if obesity-related comorbidities

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Example PESS

Inadequate oral intake (NI2.1), due to chewing and swallowing difficulties in relation to recent stroke, as evidenced by NBM

Strategies

HPHE - mid meal snacks, finger foods, ONS, smaller meals more frequently, favourite foods, HE swaps, social eating

Education: reducing risk of further incidents – comorbidities. General healthy eating and weight management. Seeing outpatient APD.

Outpatient	Increase plant foods, mod
	intake of low fat dairy products
	EVOO as main oil
	Fish/legume recipes
	Low intake of processed and
	red meat and sugary foods

Monitoring

Malnut screen weekly (MNA). If malnut,

Biochem – dehydration

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