



## New Prehospital Stroke Stickers

**To:** Emergency Department Leadership  
**Date:** February 1, 2016

A new tool has been developed in collaboration with the Accredited Stroke Centers throughout the region. The Stroke Alert Sticker will begin its use this month in the Monroe-Livingston Region.

Enclosed is the notice being sent to all Monroe and Livingston County transport agencies. Detailed usage guidelines are included on page 1, while page 2 provides an example of the sticker, and a more concise summary of the intended use.

Although the use of these stickers will be strongly recommended of our prehospital providers, their use is NOT a required part of the prehospital treatment of stroke patients at this time. Therefore, the absence of a Stroke Alert Sticker should in no way suggest that a particular patient is not experiencing signs and/or symptoms requiring the activation of the stroke alert protocol within your facility.

Please take a moment to disseminate this information to all your providers and staff. This will help to ensure all those involved in the care of our stroke patients have the same understanding of this new tool and its use.

With any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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## Advisory 16-01: New Prehospital Stroke Stickers

**To:** All MLREMS providers

**Date:** February 1, 2016

A new Stroke Sticker has been developed in collaboration with the regional Stroke Centers. These stickers help ensure that critical information you obtain, and is needed for immediate care decisions, stays physically linked to the patient as they progress through the initial phases of evaluation.

### Usage guidelines:

- May be used for ANY patient where a Stroke Alert notification is being made
- Should be applied directly to the patient before arrival at the hospital
- The sticker is NOT to be removed for patient registration
- **Last Seen Normal**: This time is when the patient was last observed at their baseline – without new symptoms
  - If a family member returned home to find a patient with new symptoms, Last Seen Normal should be when the individual physically left the patient
  - If a patient awoke with symptoms, Last Seen Normal should be when they were last seen prior to going to bed the night before
- **Family Contact Phone #**: This is a number where an individual can be contacted by the Emergency or Neurology Physicians. An individual who can speak to details about signs and symptoms, as well as the onset of both. If the contact is travelling to the hospital separate from the patient, this should be a cellular number capable of being answered en-route. This information CAN NOT be reliably taken from existing hospital registration information which is why it is so important that you obtain it when you find the patient.
  - Patients coming from skilled nursing and/or assisted living facilities, urgent care centers, and private physician offices should have contact information for the individual caring for the patient – not switchboard numbers.

Thank you in advance for helping to improve the care of stroke patients, and with any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

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## Example and Printing Instructions

The stickers are created by printing the attached Adobe file on: **Avery Label 8464.**

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***STROKE ALERT!***

Patient \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Last Seen Normal \_\_\_\_:\_\_\_\_ AM / PM

**FAMILY CONTACT PHONE #**

(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**CINCINNATI STROKE SCALE**

Facial Droop – Arm Drift – Slurred Speech

A number the contact can answer – especially when they are en-route to the stroke center.

The time when the patient was last seen normal

(Actual size)

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