

Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA)

The Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA) – Rapid Assessment Service provides an outpatient service for clinical risk [assessment diagnosis and management of Acute TIA's](#). Referrals are accepted for patients with a working diagnosis of either TIA/minor non-disabling stroke. Triage according to ABCD² Score plus relevant co-morbidities

- Atrial Fibrillation
- Known symptomatic Carotid Artery Stenosis > 50%
- Crescendo TIA (one or more TIAs in the preceding week)

ABCD ² Score		
The ABCD² score is a risk assessment tool designed to improve the prediction of short-term stroke risk after a transient ischaemic attack (TIA). The score is optimized to predict the risk of stroke within 2 days after TIA, but also predicts stroke risk within 90 days. The ABCD² score is calculated by summing up points for five independent factors.		
Risk Factor	Points	Score
Age ≥60 years	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Blood Pressure Systolic BP ≥ 140 mm Hg OR Diastolic BP ≥ 90 mm Hg	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Clinical features of TIA (Choose one) Unilateral weakness with or without speech impairment OR Speech impairment without unilateral weakness	2 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration TIA duration ≥ 60 minutes TIA duration 10-59 minutes	2 1	<input type="checkbox"/>
Diabetes	1	<input type="checkbox"/>
ABCD² Score	0-7	<input style="border: 2px solid red;" type="checkbox"/>

Services provided

- Atrial Fibrillation
- Known symptomatic Carotid Artery Stenosis > 50%
- Crescendo TIA
- History of TIA in preceding week

Services not provided

- General Neurology
 - Migraines, Epilepsy, M.S., Parkinson’s, Acute Neurological services, isolated vertigo or isolated syncope
- Driving Assessment outside of TIA/Stroke

For Admission or **URGENT** advice contact TIA Hotline Registrar on

Flinders Medical Centre Tel: 8204 6891 (Monday-Friday 09.00 – 16.30) Fax: 8204 5591

For After hours contact the Stroke Physician via FMC Switchboard 8204 5511

Triage Criteria for Referral

Category 1 Current < 24 hours	Category 2 Current < 7 days	Category 3 Current < 1 month
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABCD² Score ≥ 4 plus co-morbidities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABCD² Score < 4 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driving Assessment for TIA or Stroke • Ongoing Stroke management

General Information to assist with referrals and the and Referral templates for FMC and RGH are available to download from the SALHN Outpatient Services website www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/SALHNOutpatients

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