

Thrombolysis

- *Thrombolysis* is “clot-busting” treatment that can be used for some patients with stroke.
- It can be a beneficial treatment for patients whose stroke is caused by a blood clot (infarct).
- The *Thrombolysis* treatment needs to be started within 4.5 hours from the start of the stroke.
- *Thrombolysis* can make big strokes smaller by clearing the blood clot that caused the stroke.
- On average, one patient in every three treated gets some improvement with *Thrombolysis* treatment.
- Sometimes, *Thrombolysis* can be harmful to patients; one patient in every thirty may have some bleeding that can be serious.
- The stroke specialist will weigh-up the risks and benefits for every individual and will then discuss this with you before starting.



Telestroke Information Leaflet

EMERGENCY STROKE CARE

When a patient with a suspected stroke is seen in the Emergency Department there are sometimes treatment options that require specialist advice. When your local stroke team is not available, this advice will be provided by a consultant with specialist knowledge of stroke who works for one of the hospitals in Cumbria, Lancashire and Southport.



A Telestroke Cart

Telestroke

- Telestroke is a service which enables a specialist stroke consultant from another hospital to interview and assess you as if they were with you in the department.
- A television camera and a screen will allow you to see the consultant and the consultant to see you.
- The consultant will be able to ask you questions, and you can question them.
- The consultant with the assistance of the doctor or nurse who is with you will be able to fully assess your condition.
- The stroke consultant will be able to look at your brain scan pictures to see what type of stroke you have had.
- The stroke consultant will be able to talk to the doctors with you and discuss with them the treatment options.

- The stroke consultant will be able to discuss treatment options with you and be able to answer your questions.

Recordings

- A full recording will be made of the consultation.
- This recording will be stored securely under strict protection guidelines as a record of the consultation and for purposes of audit.
- Separate written permission will be required from you to allow us to use the recordings for any other purpose such as training.
- You may request to see the recording at any time.
- You may request that the recording is not used, but it will be stored securely.
- If you have any questions about the recording you may ask your consultant.