

If PCI center is > 30 minutes, consider transport to the closest hospital for fibrinolytic therapy.  
Determine if there are contraindications to fibrinolytics and notify receiving hospital.

## Absolute contraindications

- Any prior intracranial hemorrhage
- Known structural cerebral vascular lesion (i.e. arteriovenous malformation)
- Known malignant intracranial neoplasm (tumor) primary or metastatic
- Ischemic stroke within 3 months
- Suspected aortic dissection
- Active bleeding or tendency for bleeding (excluding menstruation)
- Significant closed head or facial trauma within 3 months
- Intracranial or intraspinal surgery within 2 months
- Severe uncontrolled hypertension
- For streptokinase, prior treatment within past 6 months

## Relative contraindications

- History of chronic, severe, poorly controlled hypertension
- Significant hypertension on presentation (Systolic BP > 180 mmHg or diastolic BP > 110 mmHg)
- History of prior ischemic stroke > 3 months
- Dementia
- Known intracranial pathology not covered in absolute contraindications
- Traumatic or prolonged CPR (> 10 minutes)
- Major surgery within past 3 weeks
- Recent internal bleed (within 2-4 weeks)
- Non-compressible vascular puncture
- Pregnancy
- Active peptic ulcer
- Oral anticoagulant therapy (blood thinners)

If ALL of the above  
are NO

Transport to closest facility for fibrinolytic if  
PCI Center is > 30 minutes transport

If any of the above  
are YES

Transport to nearest PCI Center  
If patient is unstable  
and nearest PCI Center is > 30 minutes  
consult with Medical Control