

N431 Care Plan # 1  
Lakeview College of Nursing  
Noredia Asia

**Demographics (3 points)**

<b>Date of Admission</b> 3/17/2023	<b>Client Initials</b> O.B	<b>Age</b> 60	<b>Gender</b> Male
<b>Race/Ethnicity</b> Caucasian	<b>Occupation</b> Truck Driver	<b>Marital Status</b> Divorced	<b>Allergies</b> Sulfa Drugs
<b>Code Status</b> FULL	<b>Height</b> 177.8 cm	<b>Weight</b> 100 kg	

**Medical History (5 Points)**

**Past Medical History:** Hypertension, hypercholesterolemia, uncontrolled Diabetes Mellitus

Type 2, obesity (BMI 31.6)

**Past Surgical History:** Colonoscopy (2018)

**Family History:** Mother – diabetes; Father – MI s/p CABG; Brother – obesity; Sister – breast cancer s/p mastectomy

**Social History (tobacco/alcohol/drugs including frequency, quantity and duration of use):** 1 pack/day smoker for 40 years; no alcohol use; no substance use

**Assistive Devices:** N/A

**Living Situation:** Lives at home alone when not on road as a truck driver

**Education Level:** GED, no other education noted

**Admission Assessment**

**Chief Complaint (2 points):** Acute right sided weakness and facial drop

**History of Present Illness – OLD CARTS (10 points):**

This patient is a 60-year-old male who arrived at the E.R. via EMS with sudden onset right-sided weakness and facial droop. The patient was immediately taken to the hospital for a C.T. scan, which revealed no signs of an acute bleed. He was given a 0.9 mg TPA bolus,

followed by an 81 mg/hr drip. The patient's right-sided weakness and facial droop improved noticeably. Due to limited ICU bed availability, the patient was kept in the E.D. for 24 hours and is now admitted to the neurological unit for further evaluation under Dr. Farquad. J.S. completed a bedside swallow study, which revealed no issues. A low-carbohydrate diet has been prescribed. He swallows pills without incident.

### **Primary Diagnosis**

**Primary Diagnosis on Admission (2 points):** Ischemic Stroke

**Secondary Diagnosis (if applicable):**

**Pathophysiology of the Disease, APA format (20 points):**

Ischemic stroke occurs when the blood supply to a part of the brain is interrupted, leading to ischemia and a lack of oxygen and nutrients (Capriotti, 2020). The interruption can be by a clot that forms in a blood vessel in the brain or travels from another part of the body and blocks a blood vessel in the brain. The lack of oxygen and nutrients leads to damage and death of brain cells, which can result in various neurological deficits.

The pathophysiology of ischemic stroke involves a complex series of events at the cellular level. When blood flow is interrupted, brain cells undergo changes that ultimately lead to death. These changes include a reduction in the availability of oxygen and glucose, increased concentration of certain chemicals in the brain, and the release of inflammatory mediators (Capriotti, 2020). Stroke can affect various systems in the body, including the cardiovascular, respiratory, and digestive systems. For example, stroke can cause changes in heart rate and blood pressure, as well as difficulty breathing and swallowing. Stroke can also affect mood and behavior, leading to depression, anxiety, and personality changes (Phipps & Cronin, 2020).

The most common signs and symptoms of ischemic stroke include sudden onset of weakness or numbness on one side of the body, difficulty speaking or understanding speech, loss of vision in one or both eyes and severe headache (Capriotti, 2020). In addition to these symptoms, patients may experience nausea, vomiting, and loss of consciousness (Phipps & Cronin, 2020). Vital signs may show elevated blood pressure, heart rate, and respiratory rate (Capriotti, 2020). Laboratory data can support a diagnosis of ischemic stroke by identifying underlying conditions that increase the risk of stroke, such as high blood sugar, high cholesterol, and clotting disorders (Phipps & Cronin, 2020). Blood tests may reveal elevated levels of specific biomarkers, such as troponin or brain natriuretic peptide (BNP), which can indicate heart damage or dysfunction (Phipps & Cronin, 2020). Coagulation studies may reveal abnormalities in the blood's ability to clot, such as elevated levels of D-dimer or decreased levels of fibrinogen (Phipps & Cronin, 2020). Electrolyte tests may reveal imbalances in electrolytes, such as low sodium levels, which can affect brain function and increase the risk of stroke (Phipps & Cronin, 2020). Laboratory findings may show an increased white blood cell count, a symptom of inflammation, and an increased blood glucose level, which can indicate stress on the body (Capriotti, 2020).

This patient's symptoms included onset weakness on the right side of the body and a facial droop. The patient's vital signs showed high blood pressure at 0700. The patient's laboratory data showed an increased blood glucose level, a low PT level, high A1C, high hemoglobin and hematocrit, and a low platelet count.

To diagnose ischemic stroke, doctors may use imaging tests such as CT scans or MRI scans to visualize the brain and identify any areas of damage (Phipps & Cronin, 2020). They may also perform blood tests to look for markers of inflammation or other signs of stress on the body.

Treatment of ischemic stroke typically involves the administration of medications to help dissolve the blood clot and restore blood flow to the affected area of the brain. These medications can include thrombolytic drugs such as tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) or mechanical thrombectomy (Phipps & Cronin, 2020). In addition to these treatments, patients may receive medications to help manage symptoms and prevent complications. Rehabilitation and physical therapy may also be necessary to help patients recover from the effects of the stroke. The patient's CT scan was unremarkable, and tPA was given, which showed improvement in the right-sided weakness and facial droop.

**Pathophysiology References (2) (APA):**

Capriotti, T. (2020). *Davis advantage for pathophysiology: Introductory concepts and clinical perspectives* (2nd ed.). F.A. Davis.

Phipps, M. S., & Cronin, C. A. (2020). Management of acute ischemic stroke. *BMJ*, 16983.  
<https://doi.org/10.1136/bmj.l6983>

**Laboratory Data (15 points)**

**CBC Highlight All Abnormal Labs—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.**

Lab	Normal Range (Van, 2021)	Admission Value	Today's Value	Reason for Abnormal Value
RBC	3.8-5.41	N/A	N/A	N/A
Hgb	11.3-15.2 (Van, 2021)	N/A	15.3	Ischemic stroke can lead to a decrease in blood volume and an increase in blood viscosity, causing an increase in hemoglobin (Janes et al., 2022).
Hct	33.2-45.3	N/A	47	Ischemic stroke can lead to a decrease

	(Van, 2021)			in blood volume and an increase in blood viscosity, causing an increase in hematocrit (Janes et al., 2022).
<b>Platelets</b>	<b>149-393</b> (Van, 2021)	N/A	143	During an ischemic stroke, the body's natural clotting mechanisms are activated which can cause the platelets to be overconsumed and decrease (Janes et al., 2022).
<b>WBC</b>	<b>4.0-11.7</b> (Van, 2021)	N/A	6.3	N/A
<b>Neutrophils</b>	<b>45.3-79.0</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Lymphocytes</b>	<b>11.8-45.9</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Monocytes</b>	<b>4.4-12.0</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Eosinophils</b>	<b>0.0-6.3</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Bands</b>	<b>0.0-0.1</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Chemistry Highlight All Abnormal Labs**—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.

<b>Lab</b>	<b>Normal Range</b> (Van, 2021)	<b>Admission Value</b>	<b>Today's Value</b>	<b>Reason For Abnormal</b>
<b>Na-</b>	<b>136-145</b> (Van, 2021)	N/A	139	N/A
<b>K+</b>	<b>3.5-5.1</b> (Van, 2021)	N/A	3.6	N/A
<b>Cl-</b>	<b>98-107</b> (Van, 2021)	N/A	106	N/A
<b>CO2</b>	<b>21-31</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Glucose</b>	<b>74-109</b> (Van, 2021)	N/A	147	The patient suffers from uncontrolled diabetes mellitus which is a major risk factor for ischemic stroke. Elevated blood glucose can damage blood vessels over time (Janes et al., 2022).
<b>BUN</b>	<b>7-25</b> (Van, 2021)	N/A	15	N/A
<b>Creatinine</b>	<b>0.60-1.20</b> (Van, 2021)	N/A	0.9	N/A

<b>Albumin</b>	<b>3.5-5.2</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Calcium</b>	<b>8.6-10.3</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Mag</b>	<b>1.6-2.4</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Phosphate</b>	<b>2.5-5.0</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Bilirubin</b>	<b>0.3-1.0</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Alk Phos</b>	<b>34-104</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>AST</b>	<b>13-39</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>ALT</b>	<b>7-52</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Amylase</b>	<b>40-140</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Lipase</b>	<b>0-160</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Lactic Acid</b>	<b>Less than 2</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Troponin</b>	<b>0.000-0.030</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>CK-MB</b>	<b>0.60-6.3</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Total CK</b>	<b>30-223</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

Other Tests **Highlight All Abnormal Labs**—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.

<b>Lab Test</b>	<b>Normal Range (Van, 2021)</b>	<b>Value on Admission</b>	<b>Today's Value</b>	<b>Reason for Abnormal</b>
<b>INR</b>	<b>0.86-1.14 (Van, 2021)</b>	N/A	1.03	N/A
<b>PT</b>	<b>10.1-13.1 (Van, 2021)</b>	N/A	11.3	N/A
<b>PTT</b>	<b>22.6-35.3 (Van, 2021)</b>	N/A	33.6	N/A

<b>D-Dimer</b>	<b>0.00-0.62</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>BNP</b>	<b>0-100</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>HDL</b>	<b>Above 60</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>LDL</b>	<b>100-129</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Cholesterol</b>	<b>Below 200</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Triglycerides</b>	<b>Less than 150</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Hgb A1c</b>	<b>5.7-6.4 (Van, 2021)</b>	N/A	<b>9.4</b>	This supports the patient's uncontrolled diabetes over a span of 3 months which can increase the risk of a stroke occurring. The constant high blood glucose can harm blood vessels leading to atherosclerosis and an increase risk of stroke (Janes et al., 2022).
<b>TSH</b>	<b>0.45-5.33</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

Urinalysis **Highlight All Abnormal Labs**—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.

<b>Lab Test</b>	<b>Normal Range (Van, 2021)</b>	<b>Value on Admission</b>	<b>Today's Value</b>	<b>Reason for Abnormal</b>
<b>Color &amp; Clarity</b>	<b>Yellow &amp; clear</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>pH</b>	<b>5.0-8.0</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Specific Gravity</b>	<b>1.005-1.034</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Glucose</b>	<b>Normal</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Protein</b>	<b>Negative</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Ketones</b>	<b>Negative</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>WBC</b>	<b>Less than 5</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>RBC</b>	<b>0-3</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Leukoesterase</b>	<b>Negative</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Arterial Blood Gas** **Highlight All Abnormal Labs**—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.

Test	Normal Range (Van, 2021)	Value on Admission	Today's Value	Explanation of Findings
pH	7.35-7.45	N/A	N/A	N/A
PaO2	90-100	N/A	N/A	N/A
PaCO2	35-45	N/A	N/A	N/A
HCO3	22-26	N/A	N/A	N/A
SaO2	80-100	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Cultures** **Highlight All Abnormal Labs**—Explanations must be in complete sentences and contain in-text citations in APA format.

Test	Normal Range (Van, 2021)	Value on Admission	Today's Value	Explanation of Findings
Urine Culture	Negative	N/A	N/A	N/A
Blood Culture	Negative	N/A	N/A	N/A
Sputum Culture	Negative	N/A	N/A	N/A
Stool Culture	Negative	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Lab Correlations Reference (1) (APA):**

Janes, F., Giacomello, R., Blarasin, F., Fabris, M., Lorenzut, S., Gigli, G. L., Curcio, F., &

Valente, M. (2022). Contribution and effectiveness of laboratory testing in the diagnostic

assessment of juvenile ischemic stroke and transient ischemic attack. *Cureus*.

<https://doi.org/10.7759/cureus.29256>

Van, A. M. (2021). *Davis's comprehensive manual of laboratory and diagnostic tests with nursing implications* (9<sup>th</sup> ed.). F. A Davis Company.

### **Diagnostic Imaging**

#### **All Other Diagnostic Tests (5 points):**

Providers took an EKG to assess the heart's function and measure the electrical activity of the heart. The patient had a chest x-ray taken to visualize any acute abnormalities of the heart or lungs. Providers took a CT scan to visualize blockages and tumors in the brain or body (Capriotti, 2020).

#### **Diagnostic Test Correlation (5 points):**

The EKG provided more information about the heart's function and could identify underlying conditions that could increase the risk of a stroke. This patient's EKG reported sinus tachycardia, a sign of an underlying condition like atrial fibrillation or heart disease that increases the risk of a stroke (Phipps & Cronin, 2020). A chest x-ray can reveal signs of heart failure or lung disease that can increase the risk and chance of strokes. Heart failure decreases the heart's capability to pump blood effectively, leading to the formation of clots, resulting in potential strokes (Capriotti, 2020). The patient's chest x-ray revealed no acute abnormalities, and the cardiac silhouette was within normal limits. A CT scan can diagnose and assess ischemic strokes (Capriotti, 2020). A CT scan can help identify the location and extent of the blockage and any areas of brain tissue that may be affected by the lack of blood flow (Phipps & Cronin, 2020). The patient's CT scan showed no acute intracranial hemorrhage, mass, mass effect, or midline

shift seen. The ventricles were symmetrical, and there was no convincing evidence of an acute territorial infarction.

**Diagnostic Test Reference (1) (APA):**

Capriotti, T. (2020). *Davis advantage for pathophysiology: Introductory concepts and clinical perspectives* (2nd ed.). F.A. Davis.

Phipps, M. S., & Cronin, C. A. (2020). Management of acute ischemic stroke. *BMJ*, 16983.

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**Current Medications (10 points, 1 point per completed med)  
\*10 different medications must be completed\***

**Home Medications (5 required)**

\*Was given permission to include hospital medication under home medications.

<b>Brand/Generic</b>	<b>Lisinopril/ Prinivil</b>	<b>Atorvastatin/ Lipitor</b>	<b>Metformin / Fortamet</b>	<b>*Acetaminophen/ Tylenol</b>	<b>*Docusate/ Colace</b>
<b>Dose</b>	10 mg	20 mg	250 mg	650 mg	100 mg
<b>Frequency</b>	BID	Daily	BID	Q6H PRN	BID PRN
<b>Route</b>	PO	PO	PO	PO	PO
<b>Classification</b>	ACE inhibitor; Antihypertensive (Learning, 2020)	HMG-CoA reductase inhibitor; Antihyperlipidemic (Learning, 2020)	Biguanide; Antidiabetic (Learning, 2020)	Nonsalicylate; antipyretic (Learning, 2020)	Surfactant; Laxative (Learning, 2020)
<b>Mechanism of Action</b>	Reduces the blood pressure by inhibiting	Reduces plasma cholesterol	Promotes storage of excess	Inhibits the enzyme cyclooxygenase	Acts as a surfactant that softens

	conversion of angiotensin 1 to angiotensin 2 (Learning, 2020)	and lipoprotein levels by inhibiting HMG-CoA reductase and cholesterol synthesis in the liver (Learning, 2020)	glucose as glycogen in the liver which reduces glucose production (Learning, 2020)	which blocks prostaglandin production and interfering with pain impulse generation in the PNS (Learning, 2020)	stool by decreasing surface tension between oil and water in feces (Learning, 2020)
<b>Reason Client Taking</b>	PMH of hypertension	PMH of hypercholesteremia	PMH of uncontrolled type 2 diabetes mellitus	Pain or fever	Constipation
<b>Contraindications (2)</b>	Concurrent aliskiren use in patient with diabetes; angioedema related to previous treatment with an ACE inhibitor (Learning, 2020)	Active hepatic disease; hypersensitivity to atorvastatin (Learning, 2020)	Acute or chronic metabolic acidosis; hypersensitivity to metformin (Learning, 2020)	Hypersensitivity to acetaminophen; active liver disease (Learning, 2020)	Fecal impaction; intestinal obstruction (Learning, 2020)
<b>Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (2)</b>	Hypotension; persistent, non-productive cough (Learning, 2020)	Hypoglycemia; myopathy (Learning, 2020)	Hypoglycemia; constipation (Learning, 2020)	Hepatotoxicity; hypotension (Learning, 2020)	Dizziness; abdominal cramps (Learning, 2020)
<b>Nursing Considerations (2)</b>	If angioedema occurs, notify provider; monitor serum potassium levels (Learning, 2020)	Notify prescriber and expect to withhold atorvastatin if patient experiences myopathy; Expect liver function test to be performed	Monitor the patient closely for lactic acidosis; give metformin with food (Learning, 2020)	Max dose given to a patient is 4000 mg; monitor renal function in patient (Learning, 2020)	Expect excessive use of docusate to cause dependence on laxatives for bowel movement; assess for laxative

		before atorvastatin therapy begins (Learning, 2020)			abuse syndrome (Learning, 2020)
<b>Key Nursing Assessment(s)/Lab(s) Prior to Administration</b>	Blood pressure; blood glucose (Learning, 2020)	Liver function tests; blood glucose (Learning, 2020)	Blood glucose; GFR level (Learning, 2020)	Liver function test; blood pressure (Learning, 2020)	Fecal obstruction ; rectal bleeding (Learning, 2020)
<b>Client Teaching Needs (2)</b>	Seek emergency services if experiencing difficulty swallowing; take at the same time every day (Learning, 2020)	Take missed dose as soon as possible; take medication at the same time each day (Learning, 2020)	How to check blood glucose regularly; avoid alcohol (Learning, 2020)	Tablets may be crushed or taken whole; do not exceed recommended dosage before speaking to provider (Learning, 2020)	Do not use docusate when experiencing abdominal pain; take docusate with a full glass of milk or water (Learning, 2020)

### Hospital Medications (5 required)

Brand/Generic	Clopidogrel/ Plavix	Metoprolol/ Lopressor	Ondansetron/ Zofran	Hydrocodone / Hysingla	Morphine/ Kadian
<b>Dose</b>	75 mg	50 mg	4 mg	7.5 mg	0.5 mg
<b>Frequency</b>	Daily	BID	Q6H PRN	Q8H PRN	Q2H PRN
<b>Route</b>	PO	PO	ODT	PO	IV
<b>Classification</b>	P2Y <sub>12</sub> platelet inhibitor; platelet	Beta adrenergic	Selective serotonin	Opioid; Opioid	Opioid; Opioid

	aggregation inhibitor (Learning, 2020)	blocker; antianginal (Learning, 2020)	receptor antagonist; antiemetic (Learning, 2020)	analgesic (Learning, 2020)	analgesic (Learning, 2020)
<b>Mechanism of Action</b>	Binds to ADP receptors on the surface of activated platelets, blocking ADP and deactivating nearby glycoprotein receptors and prevents fibrinogen from attaching to receptor (Learning, 2020)	Inhibits stimulation of beta receptor sited resulting in the decreased cardiac excitability, cardiac output, and myocardial oxygen demand (Learning, 2020)	Blocks serotonin receptors centrally in the chemoreceptor trigger zone and peripherally at vagal nerve terminals in the intestine (Learning, 2020)	Binds to and activates opioid receptors at sites in the periaqueductal and periventricular gray matter (Learning, 2020)	Binds with and activates opioid receptors in brain and spinal cord to produce analgesia and euphoria (Learning, 2020)
<b>Reason Client Taking</b>	To reduce stroke events with the patient with hypercholesterolemia and possible atherosclerosis	PMH of hypertension	Nausea	Moderate Pain	Severe Pain
<b>Contraindications (2)</b>	Active bleeding; hypersensitivity to clopidogrel (Learning, 2020)	Cardiogenic shock; heart block greater than first degree (Learning, 2020)	Concomitant use of apomorphine; hypersensitivity to ondansetron (Learning, 2020)	Acute or severe bronchial asthma; hypersensitivity to hydrocodone (Learning, 2020)	Gastrointestinal obstruction; acute or severe bronchial asthma (Learning, 2020)
<b>Side Effects/Adverse Reactions (2)</b>	TTP; neutropenia (Learning, 2020)	Bronchospasm; heart failure (Learning, 2020)	Serotonin syndrome; bronchospasm (Learning, 2020)	CNS depression; respiratory depression (Learning, 2020)	Respiratory arrest and depression; bradycardia (Learning, 2020)
<b>Nursing Considerations (2)</b>	Be aware that clopidogrel prolongs bleeding time;	If dosage exceeds 400 mg daily, monitor	Avoid in patients with phenylketonuria; monitor	Monitor for respiratory depression; drugs that	Monitor for signs of sedation and respiratory

	assess for hypoglycemia (Learning, 2020)	patient for bronchospasm; metoprolol may interfere with therapeutic effects of insulin in poorly controlled diabetes (Learning, 2020)	patient for decreased bowel activity (Learning, 2020)	interact with opioids can cause serotonin syndrome so monitor (Learning, 2020)	depression; expect morphine to cause physical and psychological dependence (Learning, 2020)
<b>Key Nursing Assessment(s)/Lab (s) Prior to Administration</b>	Coagulation times; RBC/Hct/Hgb (Learning, 2020)	Respiratory function; pulse rate (Learning, 2020)	Respirations; bowel sounds (Learning, 2020)	Respirations; LOC (Learning, 2020)	Respirations; LOC (Learning, 2020)
<b>Client Teaching Needs (2)</b>	Monitor for unusual bleeding; discourage use of NSAIDS (Learning, 2020)	Take with food; do not chew or crush tablets (Learning, 2020)	Let tablet sit and dissolve on tongue; monitor for worsening or hypersensitivity symptoms like a rash (Learning, 2020)	Avoid hazardous activities until drug's CNS effects are known; Rise slowly from a lying to a standing position (Learning, 2020)	Take with food or milk; avoid potentially hazardous activities during morphine therapy (Learning, 2020)

**Medications Reference (1) (APA):**

Learning, J. & B. (2020). *2021 Nurse's Drug Handbook*. Jones & Bartlett Learning.

**Assessment**

**Physical Exam (18 points) – HIGHLIGHT ALL PERTINENT ABNORMAL FINDINGS**

<b>GENERAL:</b> <b>Alertness:</b>	Alert and responsive Oriented to person, place, situation, and time
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<p><b>Orientation:</b>  <b>Distress:</b>  <b>Overall appearance:</b></p>	<p>Patient is well groomed and in no acute distress</p>
<p><b>INTEGUMENTARY:</b>  <b>Skin color:</b>  <b>Character:</b>  <b>Temperature:</b>  <b>Turgor:</b>  <b>Rashes:</b>  <b>Bruises:</b>  <b>Wounds:</b>  <b>Braden Score: 19</b>  <b>Drains present:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Type:</b></p>	<p>Skin color is usual for ethnicity, dry, and intact                  Skin is warm to touch                  Skin turgor is elastic                  No rashes, wounds, or drains noted</p>
<p><b>HEENT:</b>  <b>Head/Neck:</b>  <b>Ears:</b>  <b>Eyes:</b>  <b>Nose:</b>  <b>Teeth:</b></p>	<p>Head and neck is symmetrical and midline and move freely                  Trachea is midline with no deviations, lymph nodes are non-palpable                  Vision is 20/20 per Snellen examination                  Ears responsive to voice                  Oral mucosa is pink and moist with no notable drainage                  Nose is midline without deviation and patent with no nasal discharge</p>
<p><b>CARDIOVASCULAR:</b>  <b>Heart sounds:</b>  <b>S1, S2, S3, S4, murmur etc.</b>  <b>Cardiac rhythm (if applicable):</b>  <b>Peripheral Pulses:</b>  <b>Capillary refill:</b>  <b>Neck Vein Distention:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Edema</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Location of Edema:</b></p>	<p><b>Sinus tachycardia noted on EKG</b>                  S1 and S2 sounds heard upon auscultation                  Radial and dorsalis pedal pulses palpable and +3 bilaterally                  Capillary refill on upper and lower extremities less than 3 seconds bilaterally</p>
<p><b>RESPIRATORY:</b>  <b>Accessory muscle use:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Breath Sounds: Location, character</b></p>	<p>Airway patent with no signs of change in clinical course                  Respirations regular and unlabored                  Respiratory pattern is regular                  Breath sounds clear throughout anterior and posterior lobes bilaterally                  Lung aeration is equal in both</p>
<p><b>GASTROINTESTINAL:</b>  <b>Diet at home: Regular</b>  <b>Current Diet: Low-carbohydrate diet</b></p>	<p>Abdomen is soft and non-tender                  Bowel sounds are active in all 4 quadrants                  No abdominal tenderness, pain, or masses</p>

<p><b>Height:</b> 177.8 cm  <b>Weight:</b> 100kg  <b>Auscultation Bowel sounds:</b>  <b>Last BM:</b> 3/22/2023  <b>Palpation:</b> Pain, Mass etc.:  <b>Inspection:</b>  <b>Distention:</b>  <b>Incisions:</b>  <b>Scars:</b>  <b>Drains:</b>  <b>Wounds:</b>  <b>Ostomy:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Nasogastric:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Size:</b>  <b>Feeding tubes/PEG tube</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Type:</b></p>	<p>palpable                  No distention, incision, scars, drains, or wounds                  Patient excretes normally without straining</p>
<p><b>GENITOURINARY:</b>  <b>Color:</b>  <b>Character:</b>  <b>Quantity of urine:</b>  <b>Pain with urination:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Dialysis:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Inspection of genitals:</b>  <b>Catheter:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Type:</b>  <b>Size:</b></p>	<p>Urine is yellow and clear                  Moderate quantity of urine when expelled                  Genitals are without wounds, lesions, and abrasions and expel urine without constriction</p>
<p><b>MUSCULOSKELETAL:</b>  <b>Neurovascular status:</b>  <b>ROM:</b>  <b>Supportive devices:</b>  <b>Strength:</b>  <b>ADL Assistance:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Fall Risk:</b> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Fall Score:</b> 45  <b>Activity/Mobility Status:</b>  <b>Independent (up ad lib)</b> X  <b>Needs assistance with equipment</b> <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Needs support to stand and walk</b> <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Nail bed is firm, upper and lower extremities unremarkable bilaterally and warm to touch                  Active ROM on all extremities                  Upper and lower extremities are 5 out of 5 in strength on the left side                  Upper and lower extremities are 4 out of 5 in strength on the right side</p>
<p><b>NEUROLOGICAL:</b>  <b>MAEW:</b> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>PERLA:</b> Y <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/>  <b>Strength Equal:</b> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>if no -</b>  <b>Legs</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Arms</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Both</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>  <b>Orientation:</b></p>	<p>A&amp;Ox4                  Denies numbness or tingling                  Mild weakness noted on right side                  No facial droop noted                  Speech is clear                  Normal cognition</p>

<b>Mental Status:</b> <b>Speech:</b> <b>Sensory:</b> <b>LOC:</b>	Patient is alert Patient’s sensory responses are intact and functioning properly
<b>PSYCHOSOCIAL/CULTURAL:</b> <b>Coping method(s):</b> <b>Developmental level:</b> <b>Religion &amp; what it means to pt.:</b> <b>Personal/Family Data (Think about home environment, family structure, and available family support):</b>	The patients coping method is driving and smoking Developmental level is appropriate for age The patient is not religious The patient has limited support from family but has family available for support

**Vital Signs, 2 sets (5 points) – HIGHLIGHT ALL ABNORMAL VITAL SIGNS**

Time	Pulse	B/P	Resp Rate	Temp	Oxygen
0700	76	163/76	16	37.0	98% - Room Air
1100	69	124/63	18	36.9	97% - Room Air

**Vital Sign Trends:** The patients vitals signs were stable throughout the shift, except the outstanding blood pressure at 0700 of 163/76. This vital sign is a possible reflection of the pain the patient is experiencing and the past medical history of hypertension, which medications such as Metoprolol and Tylenol being passed in the morning helped lower the blood pressure at 1100.

**Pain Assessment, 2 sets (2 points)**

Time	Scale	Location	Severity	Characteristics	Interventions
0700	Numeric	Head	4/10	Generalized pain	Tylenol administered
1100	Numeric	Head	1/10	Generalized pain	No interventions at this time

**IV Assessment (2 Points)**

<b>IV Assessment</b>	<b>Fluid Type/Rate or Saline Lock</b>
<b>Size of IV:</b> 18G <b>Location of IV:</b> Right antecubital <b>Date on IV:</b> 3/20/2023 <b>Patency of IV:</b> Patent <b>Signs of erythema, drainage, etc.:</b> No complications <b>IV dressing assessment:</b> Clean, dry, intact	Saline lock
<b>IV Assessment</b>	<b>Fluid Type/Rate or Saline Lock</b>
<b>Size of IV:</b> 18G <b>Location of IV:</b> Left antecubital <b>Date on IV:</b> 3/17/2023 <b>Patency of IV:</b> Patent <b>Signs of erythema, drainage, etc.:</b> No complications <b>IV dressing assessment:</b> Clean, dry, intact	Saline lock

**Intake and Output (2 points)**

<b>Intake (in mL)</b>	<b>Output (in mL)</b>
600 mL – water with breakfast	800 mL – urine total voided in 4 hours
120 mL – sugar free orange juice with breakfast	Stool x1

**Nursing Care**

**Summary of Care (2 points)**

**Overview of care:** Patient was calm and cooperative to the care provided by staff.

**Procedures/testing done:** No procedures of tests done.

**Complaints/Issues:** No complaints or issues

**Vital signs (stable/unstable):** Stable

**Tolerating diet, activity, etc.:** Low carbohydrate diet

**Physician notifications:** Notify physician if blood glucose > 200. No notification were made during care.

**Future plans for client:** This patient should be referred to PT/OT for continued strengthening of the right side and follow up with PCP and neurologist. Anticipate client will require home health and education upon discharge.

**Discharge Planning (2 points)**

**Discharge location:** Home

**Home health needs (if applicable):** Medication scheduling and organization holders for Metoprolol, Clopidogrel, and an increased Metformin along with home medications

**Equipment needs (if applicable):** Cane or walker, non-skid place mats, showers chair, grab bars for toilet, transfer boards, and mobility aiding eating utensils

**Follow up plan:** The patient should follow up with primary care provider in 6 weeks for A1C check. This patient needs to make an appointment 1 week from his discharge with the neurologist.

**Education needs:** Educate the patient on maintain a low-carbohydrate diet and on the importance of medication compliance of all new and previously prescribed medications. Educate on benefits of smoking cessation.

**Nursing Diagnosis (15 points)**

**\*Must be NANDA approved nursing diagnosis and listed in order of priority\***

<p><b>Nursing Diagnosis</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Include full nursing diagnosis with “related to” and “as</li> </ul>	<p><b>Rationale</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Explain why the nursing diagnosis was chosen</li> </ul>	<p><b>Interventions (2 per dx)</b></p>	<p><b>Outcome Goal (1 per dx)</b></p>	<p><b>Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How did the client/family respond to the nurse’s</li> </ul>
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<p>evidenced by” components</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Listed in order by priority – highest priority to lowest priority pertinent to this client</li> </ul>				<p>actions?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Client response, status of goals and outcomes, modifications to plan.</li> </ul>
<p>1. Ineffective cerebral perfusion related to decreased cerebral blood flow secondary to stroke as evidenced by right-sided weakness and facial droop.</p>	<p>This a major risk for the patient post ischemic stroke as circulation is the top priority in nursing.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Administer tPA, anticoagulants, and ACE inhibitors</li> <li>Stress smoking cessation and monitor for signs and symptoms of further increase in ICP</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The patient will display no further deterioration and show no signs or symptoms of no cerebral perfusion.</li> </ol>	<p>As a long time smoker, the patient was reluctant to hearing the smoking cessation teachings, but understood the efforts. The client’s goals can be meet with the interventions in place and no modifications are needed.</p>
<p>2. Risk of impaired skin integrity related to limited immobility as evidenced by 4/5 strength on the right side.</p>	<p>Because of the lack of circulation in the patient’s body and limited mobility, the patient is at a greater risk for skin breakdown.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Regularly cleaning and moisturizing the skin</li> <li>Reposition and assess skin frequently</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The patient will not receive any pressure ulcers or bedsores.</li> </ol>	<p>The patient responded well to the repositioning and the regular cleaning of his skin. The patient understood the importance of skin breakdown and utilized the nurse interventions on his own. No modification</p>

				are needed.
3. Acute pain related to hemiparesis as evidenced by 4/10 generalized pain verbalized by patient at 0700 and blood pressure of 163/76.	The patient's pain is a major concern that should be under control to increase comfort post the traumatic event of a stroke.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Administer analgesic medications</li> <li>2. Explain and encourage the patient to do breathing exercises to alleviate pain</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The patient will verbalize 0/10 pain on the pain scale.</li> </ol>	The patient was cooperative with the nurse's actions and experienced relief. The patient started to utilize breathing exercises to help with the pain and reach a goal of pain at 1/10 which is significantly better. No modifications are needed.
4. Impaired physical mobility related to right-sided weakness as evidenced by decreased muscle strength on the right.	The patient is suffering from a mild weakness to the right side that could cause future complications if left unresolved and addressing it will result in improved patient independence and daily living.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assist the patient during exercises and when performing activities of daily living</li> <li>2. Refer the patient to physiotherapy and occupational therapy team</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Patient will re-establish mobility by attending physical and occupational therapy for 2-3 weeks to regain enough strength in the right side of the body and demonstrate equal strength with the left side by grip and push-pull exercises.</li> </ol>	The patient responded to the nurse's actions well and was cooperative. The client made efforts to schedule the appointment with physical therapy and meet the goal of regaining equal strength bilaterally. No modifications to the plan are necessary.

**Other References (APA):**

**Concept Map (20 Points):**

**Subjective Data**

- Denies numbness or tingling
- 0700 = pain was 4/10
- 1100 = pain was 1/10
- 600 mL of water
- 120 mL orange juice
- 800 mL urine
- 1x stool

**Nursing Diagnosis/Outcomes**

Nursing diagnosis 1: Ineffective cerebral perfusion related to decreased cerebral blood flow secondary to stroke as evidenced by right-sided weakness and facial droop.  
 Outcome 1: The patient will display no further deterioration and show no signs or symptoms of no cerebral perfusion.

Nursing diagnosis 2: Risk of impaired skin integrity related to limited immobility as evidenced by 4/5 strength on the right side.  
 Outcome 2: The patient will not receive any pressure ulcers or bedsores.

Nursing diagnosis 3: Acute pain related to hemiparesis as evidenced by 4/10 generalized pain verbalized by patient at 0700 and blood pressure of 163/76.  
 Outcome 3: The patient will verbalize 0/10 pain on the pain scale.

Nursing diagnosis 4: Impaired physical mobility related to right-sided weakness as evidenced by decreased muscle strength on the right.  
 Outcome 4: Patient will re-establish mobility by attending physical and occupational therapy for 2-3 weeks to regain enough strength in the right side of the body and demonstrate equal strength with the left side by grip and push-pull exercises.

**Objective Data**

- Acute right sided weakness and facial drop
- Hgb = 15.3
- Hct = 47
- Plt = 143
- Glucose = 147
- A1C = 9.4
- EKG = sinus tachycardia
- Home medications = lisinopril, atorvastatin, metformin
- BP at 0700 = 163/76
- Call MD for BG > 200
- Low-carb diet
- A&O x 4

**Client Information**

- 60 years old
- Male
- O.B.
- Truck driver
- Divorced
- Allergic to sulfa drugs
- Full code
- PMH: HTN, DM type 2, obesity, hypercholesterolemia
- PSH: Colonoscopy
- Smokes 1 pack/daily
- Lives alone
- GED

**Nursing Interventions**

- Interventions for nursing diagnosis 1:
- Administer tPA, anticoagulants, and ACE inhibitors
  - Stress smoking cessation and monitor for signs and symptoms of further increase in ICP
- Interventions for nursing diagnosis 2:
- Regularly cleaning and moisturizing the skin
  - Reposition and assess skin frequently
- Interventions for nursing diagnosis 3:
- Administer analgesic medications
  - Explain and encourage the patient to do breathing exercises to alleviate pain
- Interventions for nursing diagnosis 4:
- Assist the patient during exercises and when performing activities of daily living
  - Refer the patient to physiotherapy and occupational therapy team



