

ABCD Score

Used to predict the risk of stroke during the first seven days after a TIA. Researchers found there to be over 30% risk of stroke in TIA patients with an 'ABCD score' of six, as compared to no strokes in those with a low ABCD score. Can be used in routine clinical practice to identify high-risk individuals who require emergency investigation and treatment.

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	Risk factor	Category	Score
A	Age of patient	Age \geq 60	1
		Age < 60	0
B	Blood pressure at Assessment	SBP > 140 or DBP \geq 90	1
		Other	0
C	Clinical Features presented with	Unilateral weakness	2
		Speech disturbance (no weakness)	1
		Other	0
D	Duration of TIA symptoms	\geq 60 minutes	2
		10-59 minutes	1
		<10 minutes	0
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	TOTAL		6

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