**TRIAGE ACUTE STROKE**

1. **RECOGNIZE** the symptoms of stroke, and those that may be easily missed¹

   - **Ask** if symptom onset was **sudden**²
   - **Determine** the time the patient was last known well²
   - **Look** for common symptoms³

   **BALANCE** - Watch for dizziness or loss of balance
   **EYES** - Check for vision loss or double vision
   **FACE** - Look for uneven smile
   **ARM** - Check if one arm or leg is weak
   **SPEECH** - Listen for slurred speech or difficulty speaking
   **TIME** - Begin triage immediately

2. **CHECK** any that apply to your patient:

   **SYMPTOMS** that may be **EASILY MISSED**¹:
   - Difficulty walking
   - Dizziness
   - Headache
   - Nausea/vomiting
   - Seizure
   - Syncope (fainting)

   **POSTERIOR STROKES** can be more **DIFFICULT TO IDENTIFY**⁴:
   - Common symptoms include:
     - Dizziness
     - Diplopia (double vision)
     - Dysarthria (difficulty speaking)
     - Dysphagia (difficulty swallowing)
     - Dystaxia (lack of coordination)

3. **REVIEW** all stroke symptoms to assess for **disability**

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   - Do your patients consider any of their symptoms to be disabling?
   - Are they ambulatory?
   - Can they hold or understand a conversation?

4. **RESPOND QUICKLY** if a stroke is suspected

   **MAKE SURE TO ACTIVATE A STROKE CODE**
   **CALL:** __________________________
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