

**Ischemic Stroke  
Patient Care:  
tPA Use in 2007**

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## Clinical Situation

- tPA has been approved for 10+ years
- There is still much discussion, if not outright controversy
- It is the standard of care
- When is it the standard of care?
- Why is it the standard of care?
- How should it be used in clinical EM practice?

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- Many institutions and EM physicians successfully use this therapy

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## Clinical Questions

- Based on these facts, is there still concern about the use of tPA in selected patients?
- What is the basis for this concern?
- What more can be studied or taught regarding this stroke therapy?
- What could FERNE specifically do in order to improve your EM clinical practice for these patients?

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