

Question: Is there any research out there stating that BP's can not be taken with an automatic cuff post-TPA administration? Our order sets specifically state manual BP's post-TPA, but I can't find any literature to support this view.

We do not specify method of monitoring BP. Most often use NIBP device. No problems post-TPA for stroke or AMI.

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When we first started giving tPA this was common practice because we worried about the automated cuff causing bruising or petechial hemorrhage under the cuff. After gaining experience with tPA, however, I don't think this theoretical concern is a valid one. I'm not aware of it being a problem in general and we have been using automated cuffs for years without any negative outcomes.

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