

Drip and Ship

Our hospital does not really have a protocol for "t-PA drip and ship" but we kind of have an informal protocol with our referring hospital. When one of the referring hospitals gets a stroke patient that is a tPA candidate, they will contact the on-call neurologist and discuss the case with them. If they decide to do tPA, then the referring hospital will start it and arrange for transport to our hospital. They can be sent with the tPA going. We are also able to do intra-arterial tPA and the MERCI retrieval device, so if they are a candidate for that, arrangements are made for a quick transport so that we have time to do an MRI/MRA and get them to specials for the procedure. We have sent out our helicopter to get people here quickly.

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