

How do community hospitals that do not have 24/7 in house physician coverage (except for ED) perform a (physician?) evaluation of an inpatient that is having a stroke?

At our facility we have telemedicine so that the physician can access the patient from either of the hospitals ( we have 4). They also have the telemedicine in their offices and homes.

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What is the frequency of neurological assessments (to be performed by an RN) of patients that are on the medical/surgical/neuro (non ICU) units? Does this neurological assessment include the NIHSS?

We do the NIHSS on admission, with any neuro change, upon transfer out of intensive care and at discharge. Neuro assessments are done on the med surg floors every two to four hours depending on the MD's orders. It does NOT include the NIHSS.

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