

**Does anyone have a TIA evaluation protocol specifically designed for utilization in Emergency Department Observation units?**

We do not have such a protocol as we admit our TIA patients and work them up in-house.  
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Felix Chukwudelunzu, MD  
Sent a copy of their TIA algorithm.

St. Joseph Mercy Oakland:  
The work-up we do is the same as for the ischemic stroke population. Unfortunately these patients are admitted as in-patients. Ideally TIA's would be worked up in an outpatient clinic with all tests being completed in one day and returned to the PCP. This would optimize reimbursement (outpatient reimburses better than in-patient) and obtain the medical work up results in less time.  
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The NSA had recently posted the ABCD2 model for evaluating a TIA and probability of a recurrent TIA/Stroke. Our physicians are using it to determine who is at greatest risk and therefore, who needs to be admitted. The tool can be accessed on the NSA's website.  
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Here are our protocols. This has been very successful for Ann Arbor. We only put TIA patients with resolved symptoms in our EOC and that has worked out very well.

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Attached is a TIA protocol used by Spectrum Health in Grand Rapids, MI.  
I also understand that the Mayo Clinic has a TIA protocol that is specific to Observations Units.  
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