



Stroke Signs – Cincinnati Stroke Scale

This Stroke Scale pertains to the Guideline *Stroke and Transient Ischemic Attack – Management and Prevention*
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Interpretation: if any of these 3 signs is abnormal, the probability of a stroke is 72%

	<p>Facial Droop <i>The patient shows teeth or smile</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal – both sides of the face move equally• Abnormal – one side of the face does not move as well as the other side 
<p>Arm Drift <i>The patient closes eyes and extends both arms straight out, with palms up for 10 seconds</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal – both arms move the same or both arms do not move at all (other findings, such as pronator drift, may be helpful)• Abnormal – one arm does not move or one arm drifts downward	<p>Abnormal Speech <i>The patient repeats “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Normal – patient uses correct words with no slurring• Abnormal – patient slurs words, uses the wrong words, or is unable to speak