



Stroke – Thrombolytic (tPA) Protocol

Personnel Involved	<p>All clinicians who use tPA or Activase for treatment of acute stroke (CVA). With special attention to those clinicians who use a drip book to access dosing instructions for the care of acute stroke patients.</p>
Issue & Patient Safety Risk	<p>An old protocol labeled “tPA Thrombolytic Protocol (Activase)” should be removed from your book ASAP. It is out of date and has inappropriate dosing ranges, which may lead to overdosing of the medication. These orders may also exist on or be linked to on any Sharepoint sites that your unit accesses.</p>
Immediate Intervention:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove this protocol from all unit drip books, Sharepoint sites or site links that your unit may use as a source of reference for Activase dosing. 2. Educate clinicians that dosing of all medications in drip books or <i>non-physician ordered reference sources</i> should be reviewed by physicians prior to administration. 3. Refer to “Stroke Protocol” on Intranet Pre-Printed Orders site for appropriate dosing of tPA.

POST on ER, ICU, Cath Labs, Special Procedure Labs –
and all other units which administer tPA for acute Stroke interventions.