CINCINNATI STROKE SCALE

1) **Facial droop**: Have patient show teeth or smile
   **Abnormal**: One side does not move as the other

2) **Arm drift**: Have patient close eyes and hold arms out for 10 seconds with palms up
   **Abnormal**: One arm does not move or drifts down

3) **Abnormal speech**: Have patient say “You can’t teach an old dog new tricks”
   **Abnormal**: Patient slurs words, uses wrong words, or is unable to speak

**Relative Criteria for Transport to a Primary Stroke Center (PSC)**

Patients with a negative or unattainable CSS may be transported to a PSC if acute stroke \( \leq 6 \) hours in duration is suspected by the Base Station based on any of the following:

- Sudden and persistent alteration of consciousness
- Sudden onset severe headache (especially in association with vomiting +/- systolic BP \( > 200 \))
- Severe and sudden loss of balance

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