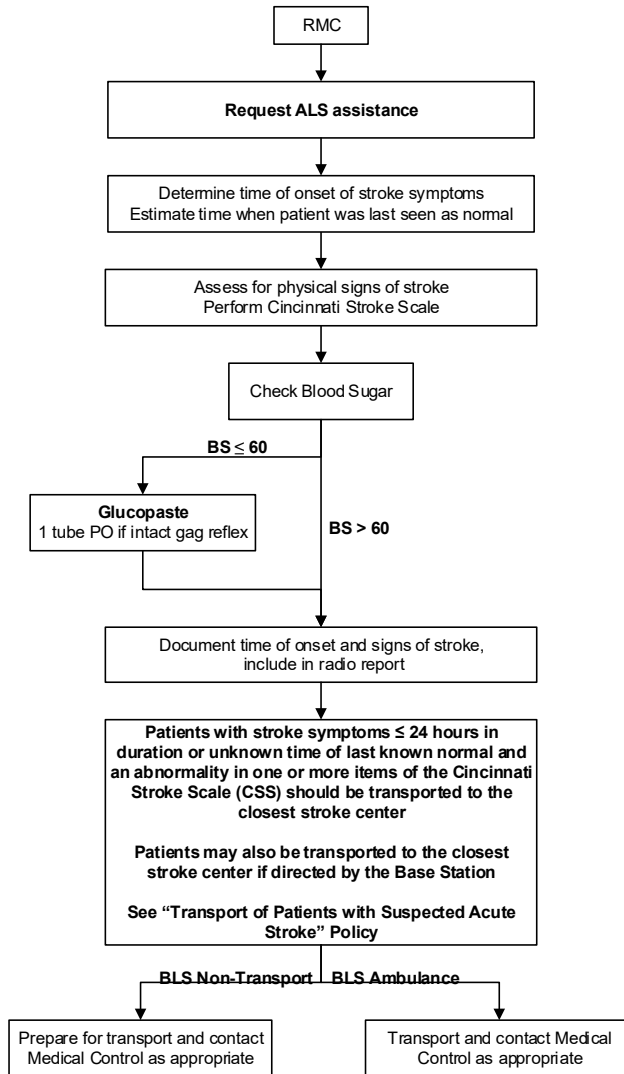




**REGION 11
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STROKE - BLS



Cincinnati Stroke Scale (CSS):

- Facial droop** – have patient show teeth or smile
Abnormal = one side does not move as the other
- 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
- 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

Positive CSS = One or more of the above items are abnormal