

The ABCD² score

Prognostic score used to identify people at high risk of stroke following TIA

A Age ≥ 60 years = 1 point

B Blood pressure at presentation $\geq 140/90$ mmHg = 1 point

C Clinical features: Unilateral weakness = 2 points
Speech disturbance without weakness = 1 point

D Duration of symptoms:

≥ 60 minutes = 2 points

10-59 minutes = 1 point

E Diabetes = 1 point

Total scores range from 0 (low risk) to 7 (high risk)

Adapted from Johnson SC et al. Validation and refinement of scores to predict very early stroke risk after transient ischaemic attack. *Lancet* 2007;369:283-92