

UCSD EC Stroke Workflow

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EC CT Technologist: Scan patient using UCSD approved CT stroke protocol.

1. Defer to EC campus stroke physician for imaging instructions (Non-contrast Brain and need for CTA Head Neck).

2. Scan using UCSD approved Stroke protocol

- Send non-contrast images first
- Send CTA images second/separately.

3.1 EC CT Tech contacts UCSD La Jolla ED CT (SCVC) scanner (858)-657-8128 to alert that a CT stroke patient is coming:

- Provide Patient name and MRN

- La Jolla CT staff will alert Neuro-Radiologist via Epic chat:

- EPIC chat or call the Hillcrest reading room during daytime hours (Sunday - Saturday, 8a-5p) at 1-9451
- 5p-7a resident coverage as posted on Radres, same as UCSD Stroke Code and protocol questions.

3.2 EC CT Technologist contacts La Jolla ED CT to inform that stroke patient imaging has been completed:

- La Jolla ED CT (SCVC) staff will notify UCSD 3D lab or send study to 3DR for post-processing as needed.

Contact information:

UCSD 3D lab - Hours of operation:

Mon-Fri 7a-11:30p. Sat/Sun 11a-7:30p

UCSD 3D lab: (858)-657-6329 or (858)-249-0272 (La Jolla)

(619) 543-6515 (Hillcrest)

East Campus CT Dept: (619) 229-7294

La Jolla ED CT scanner (SCVC): (858) 657-8128