CLINICAL POLICY
TRANSFER POLICY FOR STROKE PATIENTS
STROKE PROGRAM UCONN HEALTH

A. **EFFECTIVE DATE:**
   August 26, 2020

B. **PURPOSE:**
   To deliver or facilitate the delivery of care, treatment, and services.

C. **POLICY:**
   After the establishment of the diagnosis of one of the conditions listed in section G, if the stroke team (both Neurology and Neurosurgery) agree and feels there is a need for the patient to be transferred to a comprehensive stroke center or upon the request of a family member, the patient can be transferred after discussion and documentation that the risk and benefits have been explained to the patient and/or family.

D. **SCOPE:**
   This policy covers all patients with the diagnosis of acute ischemic stroke, acute intracerebral hemorrhage and acute subarachnoid hemorrhage.

E. **DEFINITIONS:**
   None

F. **MATERIAL(S) NEEDED:**
   None

G. **PROCEDURE:**
   As an advanced primary stroke center, the UConn Health Stroke Program provides:
   1. Treatment of acute ischemic stroke within 3-4.5 hours of symptom onset with intravenous rtPA
   2. Thrombectomy- also called intravascular clot retrieval- in a select group of stroke patients as determined by stroke team members.
   3. Management of intracerebral hemorrhage
   4. Management of subarachnoid hemorrhage
   5. Management of strokes due to cerebral venous sinus thromboses

H. **ATTACHMENTS:**
   None

I. **REFERENCES:**
   Joint Commission standards for Primary Stroke Centers- DSPR-5: Program Management
K. ENFORCEMENT:
Violations of this policy or associated procedures may result in appropriate disciplinary measures in accordance with University By-Laws, General Rules of Conduct for All University Employees, applicable collective bargaining agreements, the University of Connecticut Student Code, other applicable University Policies, or as outlined in any procedures document related to this policy.

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