Supplementary Material

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This supplementary material has been provided by the authors to give readers additional information about their work.

eMethods 1. Details of the Baseline Observational Phase

We conducted a baseline survey in participating clusters using the same eligible criteria for patient's inclusion (approximately 30 patients per cluster were prospectively included in this phase). This survey was conducted before randomization to avoid potential systematic errors caused by awareness of allocation to intervention and control groups. In all participating clusters, data were collected prospectively by a trained independent research nurse. Adherence to guidelines was assessed by a chart review, patient files, and physician prescriptions. Data were entered using a web-based data capture system as the same tool as that in the formal trial. The main objective of the baseline pre-randomization survey was to assess whether clusters were comparable regarding baseline adherence to evidence-based performance measures and to obtain reliable estimates for our sample size estimation as reported in the main text and in the study protocol. We used the same endpoint definition used in the randomized phase. The composite measure was defined as the total number of interventions performed among eligible patients divided by the total number of possible interventions among eligible patients. Results from this survey are available in eTable 1.

The multifaceted quality improvement intervention includes case management, a therapeutic plan roadmap and checklist, educational materials, interactive workshops, and periodic audit and feedback reports to each cluster.

Case Management

Case management is conducted by a team of health professionals from each cluster, including a physician leader and trained nurses. The teams are responsible for the timely delivery of the materials and for checking the implementation of effective management, supporting the management when it is needed and acting as quality improvement monitors.

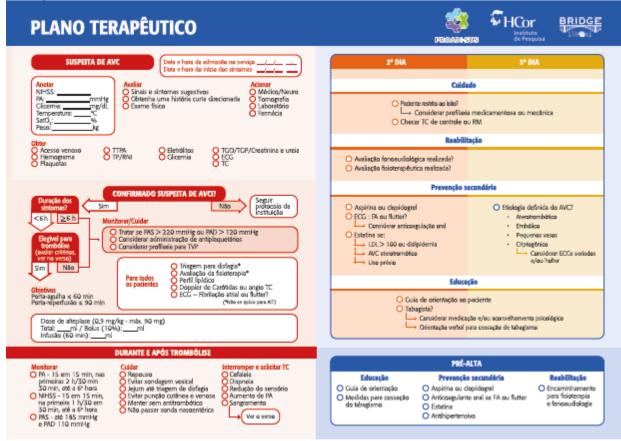
Reminders and Treatment Algorithm

To facilitate the visualization of important interventions and their relation to the time of care, different reminders may be used: a) Patient wristband (Patient Bracelet) and b) a therapeutic plan (Treatment Algorithm) to be attached to the admission form or medical record. The reminders and Treatment Algorithm were designed to be implemented in sequence during the management of AIS and TIA patients. First, a colored wristband is given to an AIS or TIA potential patient. Once a potential diagnosis is given to a patient, the nurse gives the attending physician a Treatment Algorithm. This algorithm consists of a therapeutic plan "roadmap" for quick reference and checking, guiding the physician and nurses from appropriate AIS or TIA diagnosis confirmation to the complete sequence of adequate treatments required during hospitalization until hospital discharge. The treatment management plan requires that the attending physician check and confirm the use of all suggested evidence-based interventions. The colored wristband (bracelet) helps promptly identify AIS or TIA patients in the emergency department and in subsequent units (e.g. intensive care units, infirmary etc) to avoid delays in initiating recommended therapies.

Patient Wristband



Therapeutic Plan



PLANO TERAPÊUTICO

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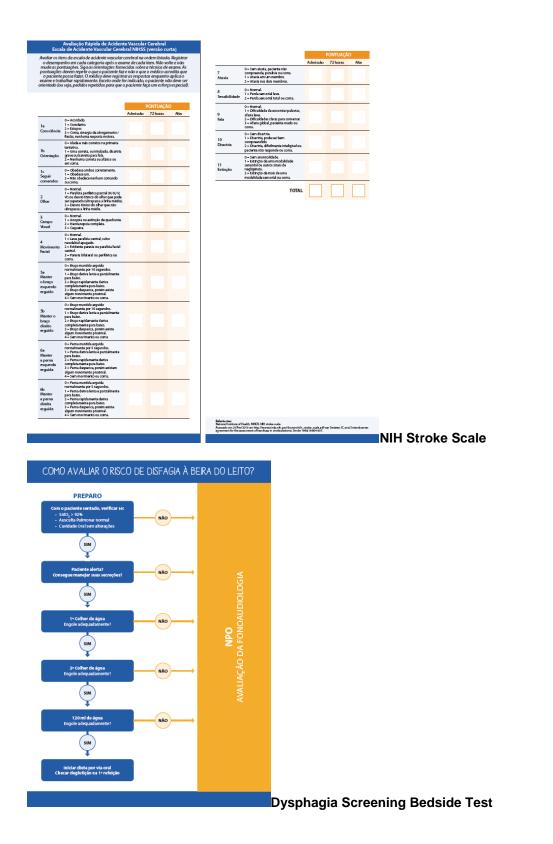
Educational Posters:

These posters are distributed by the emergency department and in all hospital units to draw the attention of the team about techniques that can support better practices.



Educational Materials:

To each hospital printed, physical or electronic material are provided to support and motivate best practices. These materials included a rt-PA kit case, a bedside dysphagia screening test, the NIH Stroke Scale, a medication brochure, and a patient educational brochure.



Medication Brochure

FOLHETO DE ORIENTAÇÃO DE **MEDICOMENTOS**





HIPOLIPEMIANTE

Fármaco	Nome comer	cial	Apresentação	Dose
Atorvastatina	Lipitor *, Cita	or°, Atorless°, Kolevas°, Lipigran°, Lipistat°	Comprimidos	10 a 80 mg
Rosuvastatina	Crestor *, Ros	ucor®, Rosustati®	Comprimidos	5 a 40 mg
Sinvastatina	Zocor ^e , Clinfa Sinvatrox ^e	r*, Lipotex*, Sinvalip*, Sinvascor*, Sinvastaco*,	Comprimidos	10 a 40 mg
Pravastatina	Pravacol®, Ler	nitral®, Mevalotin®	Comprimidos	10 a 80 mg
Lovastatina	Mevacor*, Lo	vaton *	Comprimidos	20 a 40 mg
Fluvastatina XL	Lescol®		Comprimidos	20 a 80 mg
Pitavastatina	Livalo®		Comprimidos	1 a 4 mg
Ezetimibe*	Zetia®	Zetia®		10 mg
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ANTITROMBÓTICOS

Droga	Apresentação	Nome comercial	Dose
Ácido Acetilsalicílico/ Aspirina	100/325/500/	AAS*, Gencardia*, Aspirina*, Doril*, Melhoral*, Somalgin*, Caprin*, Nu-Seals*, Albyl*, Micropirin*, Angettes 75*	100 a 300 mg 1x/dia
Clopidogrel	75mg	Plavix*, Iscover*	75 mg 1x/dia
Dipiridamol	75 e 100 mg	Persantin®, Persantin Retard®	75 ou 100 mg 3 a 4x/dia
Ticagrelor	90 mg	Brilinta*	90 mg 2x/dia
Warfarina	2,5/5,0 ou 7,5 mg	Marevan*	RNI 2,0 -3,0
Dabigatrana	110 e 150 mg	Pradaxa*	300mg /dia (150 mg 12/12h) - A posologia deve ser reduzida para 150 mg de Pradaxa (2 cápsulas de 75 mg) uma vez ao dia em pacientes com insuficiência renal moderada (CLcr de 30-50 mL/min), - Pacientes 28d anos devem ser tratados com dose diária de 220 mg (1 cápsula de 110 mg duas vezes ao dia).

ANTITROMBÓTICOS

Contra indicação	Efeitos colaterais
Hipersensibilidade, asma, úlcera péotica, insuficuência renal, hepática e cardíaca graves, gestação (último trimestre)	Dispepsia, micro-hemorragias, náuseas, vômito sangramentos, síndrome de Rey, hepatite são raros
Úlcera péptica, hemorragia intracraniana, gestação, hipersensibilidade	Dispepsia, constipação, dor abdominal, diarréia, alterações cutâneas; Hemorragias são pouco frequentes
Hipersensibilidade	Cefaleia, náusea, vômito, desconforto gastrointestinal, hipotensão
Hipersensibildiade, sangramento patológico ativo, hemorragia intracraniana prévia, insuficiência hepática grave	Dispneia, cefaleia, epistaxe, sangramentos (menos comuns)
Doença hepática ou renal grave, hemorragia, gestação, lactação, hipersensibilidade, 24 horas pré e pós parto ou cirurgia, incapacidade para compreender o tratamento ou indisponibilidade de laboratório confiável próximo	Náusea, vômito, diarreia, flatulência, pancreatita cefaleia, anafilaxia, alergia, nefropatias, letargia, exantema, urticária, hemotórax, sangramento nasal, leucopenia, anemia
Hipersensibilidade conhecida à dabigatrana ou ao etexilato de dabigatrana ou a algum dos excipientes do poduto. - Insuficiência renal grave (LCL < 30 mL/min), pois não há dados que apoiem o uso nestes pacientes - Manifestações hemorrágicas, pacientes com distexes hemorrágicas, ou pacientes com comprometimento espontáneo ou dimacológico da hemostasia - Lesão de órgãos em risco de sangramento clinicamente significativo, inclusive acidente vascular cerebra hemorrágico nos últimos o fe meses - Tratamento concomitante com cetoconazol sistêmico - Pacientes com próteses de valvas cantacas	gastrintestinal, urogenital e cutánea, dor abdomin: diarreia, dispepsia, náusea, trombocitopenia, hipersensibilidade, prurido, rash, hemorragias, incluindo intracraniana, hematoma, hemoptise,

ANTITROMBÓTICOS

Droga	Apresentação	Nome comercial	Dose
Rivaroxabana	15 e 20 mg	Xarelto*	20 mg/dia (15 mg/dia em pacientes com ClCr < 50-30 mL/min)
Apixabana	2,5 e 5 mg	Eliquis®	S mg 12/12h (2,5 mg em pacientes com pelo menos 2 das seguintes Características: Idade 2 80 anos, Peso corporal 5 60 kg Creathina sérica 2 1,5 mg/dL

ANTIHIPERTENSIVO/IECA

Classe farmacológica	Fármaco	Nome comercial	
	Hidroclorotiazida	Clorana®, Drenol®, Diuretic®, Hidroflux®	
Diuréticos tiazídicos	Clortalidona	Higroton*, Clordilon*, Clortalil*, Clorton*, Drenidra*, Neolidona*	
Agentes poupadores de potássio	Espironolactona	Aldactone*, Aldosterin*, Diacqua*, Espirolona*, Spiroctan*	
	Atenolol	Ablok*, Angipress*, Atenopres*, Plenacor*	
Betabloqueadores seletivos	Metoprolol Succinato	Selozok*, Selopress*, Zok*	
	Metoprolol Tartarato	Popressor®	
Agentes alfa e betabloqueadores	Carvedilol	Coreg®, Cardilol®, Carvedilat®, Divelol®, Ictus®, Karvil®	
Betabloqueadores não seletivos	Propranolol	Inderal®, Rebaten LA®, Antitensin®, Hipernolol®	
Antiadrenérgicos de ação central	Metildopa	Aldomet®	
Bloqueadores seletivos dos canais de cálcio (diidropiridina)	Anlodipino	Norvasc, Amlocor ^e , Amlovasc ^e , Anlo ^e , Anlodibal ^e , Cordarex ^e , Nicord ^e , Novarsc ^e , Pressat ^e , Roxflan ^e	
	Nifedipino	Adalat [®] , Adalat Oros [®] , Adalat Retard [®] , Cardalin [®] , Dilaflux [®] , Oxcord Retard [®] , Oxcord [®]	
Bloqueadores seletivos dos canais de cálcio (fenilalquilamina)	Verapamil	Dilacoron®, Coronaril®, Dilacor®, Neo Verpami®, Vasoton®	

ANTIHIPERTENSIVO/IECA

Concentração	Dose mínima	Dose máxima	Tomadas ao dia
12,5 mg/25 mg	12,5 – 25 mg	50 mg	1
25 mg ou 100 mg	25 mg	100 mg	1-2
50 mg/100 mg	25 mg	100 mg	1-2
25 mg/50 mg/100 mg	25 – 100 mg	200 mg	1 - 2
100 mg	25 – 100 mg	200 mg	1 - 2
3.125 mg/6,25 mg/12,5 mg/25 mg	12,5 mg	50 mg	1-2
10 mg/40 mg	40 mg	240 mg	2 - 3
250 mg	500 mg	1.500 mg	2 - 3
5 mg/10 mg	5mg	10 mg	1
10 mg	20 – 40 mg	60 mg	3
80 mg/120 mg	80 – 120 mg	480 mg	2-3

ANTIHIPERTENSIVO/IECA

lasse farmacológica	Fármaco	Nome comercial			
Agentes que atuam no músculo liso Arteriolar	Hidralazina	Apresolina*, Nepresol*			
	Captopril	Capoten®, Capotril®			
	Enalapril	Renitec [®] , Eupressin [®] , Pressotec [®] , Vasopril [®] , Atens [®] , Enaprotec [®] , Angiopril [®] , Zestril [®] , Prinivil [®]			
Inibidores da enzima	Cilazapril	Vascase®, Cardiopril®, Inibace®			
conversorade angiotensina IFCA	Lisinopril	Zestril®, Prinivil®, Ecapril®, Lipril®			
	Perindopril	Coversyl [®]			
	Ramipril	Triatec*, Verzatec*			
	Trandolapril	Gopten®, Odrik®			
Antagonistas da angiotensina II BRA – ARA II	Losartana Cozaar ^e , Corus ^e , Torlós ^e , Valtrian ^e , Zaarpress ^e , Zart ^e				
Contra-Indicações:					
 Beta Bloqueadores: doença broncoespástica (D (relativa), diabete mellitus (tipo 1), dislipidemia Diuráticos: gota (relativa), dislipidemia (relativa (relativa para diurático em altas doses); Bloqueadores do cálcio: bloqueio átrio-ventricu 	(relativa), doença para diurético em	altas doses), diabete tipos 1 e 2			
 iECA: gestação, doença renovascular (relativa); Metildopa: doença hepática, disfunção erétil. 	nar de 2° ou 3° gra	us, insunciencia cardiaca (reiativa);			

ANTIHIPERTENSIVO/IECA

Concentração	Dose mínima	Dose máxima	Tomadas ao dia
25 mg/25 mg	25 mg	200 mg	2
25 mg	25 mg	150 mg	2 - 3
5 mg/10 mg/20 mg	5 mg	40 mg	1 - 2
20 mg	25 mg	100 mg	1

Medication Brochure

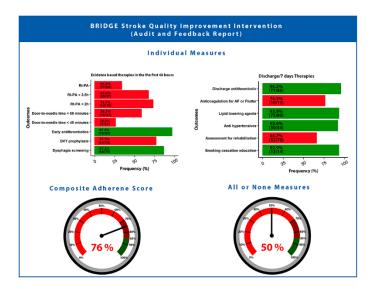
Patient Education Brochure





Audit and Feedback Reports

Periodical audit and feedback reports on performance are provided to each hospital allocated to the intervention group. This strategy stimulates the teams to seek continuous improvement. Additionally, this report is discussed in periodic web or phone conferences to review the performance measures and set with aspects needed to improve. To each cluster we have an idea on the recruitment performance based on the observational phase information. Thus, after randomization we provided to the intervention sites their observational adherence to therapies rates and we established that the report would be sent when 25%, 50% and 75% of the sample was recruited. The report was sent by email to the principal investigator and case manager, then a conference call was set with these professionals in order to discuss adherence to the therapies and possible opportunities for improvement. It was up to the investigator and case manager to provide further internal feedback



Interactive Training Workshops

Interactive training workshops were planned as follows; a) During an investigators' meeting where the principal investigator and lead case manager from each site allocated to the intervention group will receive a simulation-based training developed in small groups and addressing the techniques to implement the intervention, or b) During outreach visits developed in each hospital when members of the quality improvement committee perform a diagnostic visit addressing the actual clinical pathway at each hospital and together with the local teams (including representatives from the emergency department physicians, neurologists, nurses from the emergency department, stroke units, intensive care units and infirmary) help tailoring the intervention to the needs of each site. It will also be stimulated that each participating site disseminates the intervention to other professionals from the institution using the same materials used during the meeting and outreach visits. Addionally, the principal investigator and the case managers were asked to provide the coordinating center evidence om the dissemination to at least 80% of the personnel involved in stroke and TIA care .The BRIDGE Stroke training techniques will also be available in a video that will be used during the training sessions. This video is also available for the hospitals so that they can use it as a continuous improvement tool.

Case Management Slide Set



Fluxo de Gerenciamento de Casos



FERRAMENTAS DA INTERVENÇÃO

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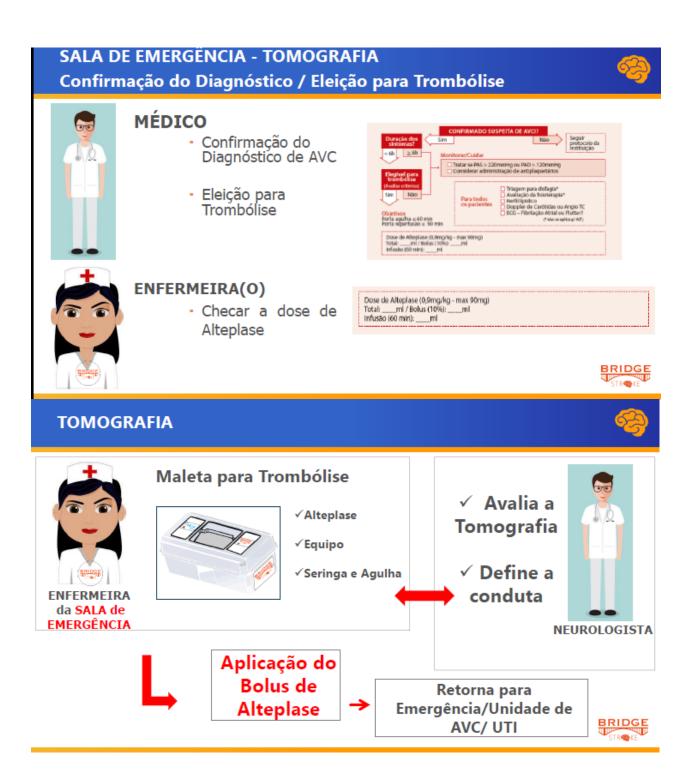




1º DIA

SALA DE EMERGÊNCIA – Avaliação Inicial





SALA DE EMERGÊNCIA/ UTI/ UNIDADE DE AVC Cuidados Pós Trombólise





EMERGÊNCIA

Monitorização durante a trombólise

DURANTE E APÓS TROMBÓLISE



- em 30'min até as 6ª horas PAS até 185mmHg e PAD
 - 110mmHa



Interromper e solicitar TC

Ver o verso

Redução do sensório
 Aumento de PA

Sangramento

Cefaleia

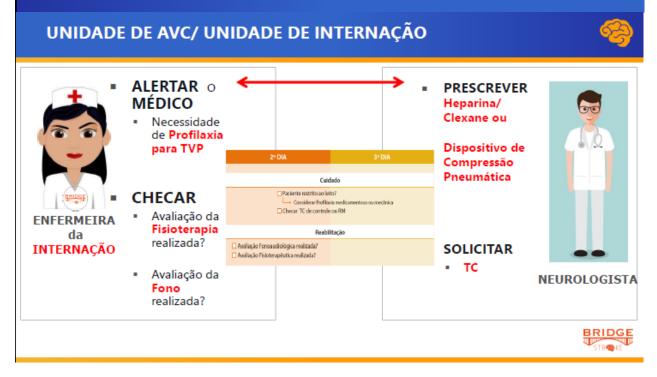
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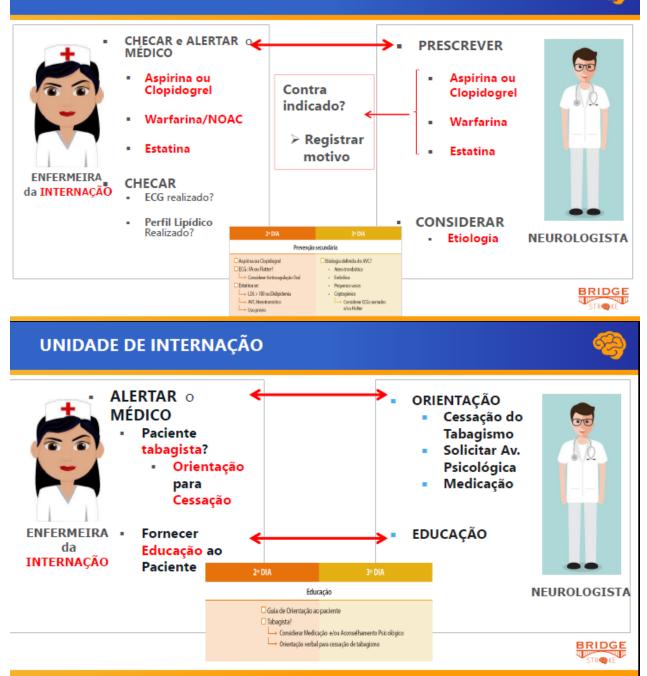
SALA DE EMERGÊNCIA/ UTI/ UNIDADE DE AVC Medidas para pacientes não trombolisados ALERTAR 0 MÉDICO PRESCREVER . PA Antiplaquetário Monitorar/Cuidar Uso de Antiplaquetário Tratar se PAS > 220mmHg ou PAD > 120mmHg Considerar administração de antiplaquetários CHECAR e LEMBRAR Solicitação de SOLICITAR Fisioterapia Avaliação de Realização da Triagem de Risco para Disfagia Fisioterapia **ENFERMEIRA** Triagem para disfagia* Avaliação da fisioterapia* Avaliação de . Para todos os pacientes Perfil lipídico Doppler de Carótidas ou Anglo TC ECG – Ribrilação Atrial ou Flutter? Disfagia da SALA de Solicitação de Labs NEUROLOGISTA EMERGÊNCIA e Exames (* não se aplica p/AIF) Labs e Exames BRIDGE STR



2° e 3° DIA



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Endpoints	Intervention	Control	All randomized sites	All Sites Included in the Baseline Observational Phase	ICC*
	(19 clusters; 460 patients)	(17 clusters; 364 patients)	(36 clusters; 824 patients)	(45 clusters; 946 patients)	
Composite adherence score - mean (sd) ^a	76.5 ± 19.8 (n=460)	75.1 ± 22.7 (n=364)	75.9 ± 21.1 (n=824)	75.3 ± 21.4 (n=946)	0.27
Complete adherence to all acute and discharge therapies) ^b	124/460 (27)	104/364 (28.6)	228/824 (27.7)	261/946 (27.6)	0.18
Acute Interventions during first 48 hours					
Rt-PA ^c	50/140 (35.7)	53/122 (43.4)	103/262 (39.3)	107/292 (36.6)	0.37
Global Rt-PA ^d	56/323 (17.3)	65/417 (15.6)	121/740 (16.4)	127/843 (15.1)	0.08
Rt-PA within 3 hours ^e	18/90 (20)	21/95 (22.1)	39/185 (21.1)	41/204 (20.1)	0.03
Door-to-needle time < 60 min	26/65 (40)	25/56 (44.6)	51/121 (42.1)	56/127 (44.1)	0.07
Door-to-needle time < 45 min	15/56 (26.8)	22/65 (33.8)	37/121 (30.6)	42/127 (33.1)	0.11
Early Antithrombotics	432/450 (96)	329/361 (91.1)	761/811 (93.8)	871/932 (93.5)	0.05
DVT Prophilaxis	126/257 (49)	115/213 (54)	241/470 (51.3)	280/536 (52.2)	0.51
Discharge Interventions					
Antithrombotics	430/450 (95.6)	333/362 (92)	763/812 (94)	868/933 (93)	0.05
Anticoagulants for AF or Flutter	33/41 (80.5)	9/18 (50)	42/59 (71.2)	46/63 (73)	0.00
Statins in patients with LDL> 100 or not documented	308/352 (87.5)	236/301 (78.4)	544/653 (83.3)	628/758 (82.8)	0.12
Smoking Cessation Education	54/81 (66.7)	33/48 (68.8)	87/129 (67.4)	90/138 (65.2)	0.27
Assessment for Rehabilitation	231/307 (75.2)	158/211 (74.9)	389/518 (75.1)	438/600 (73)	0.13
Dysphagia Screening	216/390 (55.4)	180/304 (59.2)	396/694 (57.1)	427/775 (55.1)	0.58
Antihypertensives for patients with hypertension	237/272 (87.1)	264/328 (80.5)	501/600 (83.5)	563/683 (82.4)	0.10

Data are presented as n/N (%)

ICC denotes intracluster correlation coefficient Rt-PA denotes intravenous recombinant plasminogen activator. DVT denotes deep venous thrombosis. LDL denotes low-density lipoprotein. AF denotes Atrial Fibrillation.

(*) Calculation didn't considered allocated to intervention or control group and was based on the full sample (45 clusters and 946 patients) ^aComposite adherence score: early antithrombotics, Rt-PA within therapeutic window, DVT prophylaxis, door-to-needle time < 60 min, dysphagia screening, assessment for rehabilitation, antithrombotics at discharge, anticoagulants for atrial fibrillation or flutter, statins in patients with LDL ≥100mg/dL or not documented , smoke cessation education

^bComplete adherence to all acute and discharge therapies: early antithrombotics, Rt-PA within therapeutic window, DVT prophylaxis, door-toneedle time < 60 min, dysphagia screening, assessement for rehabilitation, antithrombotics at discharge, anticoagulants for atrial fibrillation or flutter, statins LDL≥100mg/dL or not documented, smoke cessation education.

^cRtPA within therapeutic window (patients who arrive at the hospital within 3.5hours of symptoms onset and are treated within 4.5 hours). ^dGlobal RtPa – patients within 24 hours of symptoms who receive RtPA if not contraindicated except for the therapeutic window. ^eRt-PA within 3 hours (patients who arrived within 2 hours of sympton and treated within 3h of symptom onset)

Proposed Tools and Techniques	Adherence n/N (%)
Case management ^a	18/19 (94.7)
Audit and Feedback ^b	18/19 (94.7)
Educational Materials (Including Treatment Algorithm) during the First 48 hours ^c	539/817 (66)
Educational Materials (Including Treatment Algorithm) until discharge ^d	519/817 (63.5)

^a Case Management required that the assigned leader provide evidence for training the nurses involved in patients care.

^b Audit and Feedback required that the principal investigator and leader case manager answer to the feedback report provided by the coordinating center and attend a web or phone call to discuss the findings.

^cWhen adherence is adjusted to the patients from the clusters that adhered to the first two proposed tools the result is 539/774 (69.6). ^dWhen adherence is adjusted to the patients from the clusters that adhered to the first two proposed tools the result is 519/774 (67.1)

eTable 3. Results of Quality Improvement Intervention on Use of Evidence-Based Therapies for Patients With Acute Ischemic Stroke

	Intervention	Control	Mean difference [95%Cl]	P value	ICC ^a
	(19 clusters; 711 patients)	(17 clusters; 723 patients)			
Primary Endpoint					
Composite adherence score - mean (sd) ^a	84.6 ± 19.8 (n=711)	76.7 ± 17.8 (n=723)	5.24 [-2.92-13.40]	0.20	0.363
Secondary Endpoints					
Complete adherence to all acute and specified discharge therapies)	320/711 (45)	149/723 (20.6)	3.17 [1.49—6.73]	<0.01	0.239
Rt-PA	122/222 (55)	107/268 (39.9)	2.77 [1.31-5.82]	0.01	0.169
Door-to-needle time < 60 min	84/145 (57.9)	59/121 (48.8)	2.47 [0.97-6.28]	0.06	0.158
Early Antithrombotics	658/705 (93.3)	676/719 (94)	0.61 [0.26-1.44]	0.26	0.181
Prophilaxis for DVT	313/433 (72.3)	228/451 (50.6)	2.48 [0.92-6.72]	0.07	0.36
Discharge therapies					
Antithrombotics	656/705 (93)	683/722 (94.6)	0.57 [0.21-1.55]	0.27	0.275
Anticoagulants for AF or Flutter	103/136 (75.7)	72/90 (80)	0.94 [0.30-2.98]	0.92	0.117
LDL > 100 or not documented	536/590 (90.8)	567/627 (90.4)	0.87 [0.49-1.57]	0.65	0.085
Smoking Cessation Education	78/109 (71.6)	77/158 (48.7)	3.83 [1.17-12.54]	0.03	0.289
Assessed for Rehabilitation	620/711 (87.2)	574/723 (79.4)	1.92 [0.58-6.33]	0.28	0.457
Dysphagia Evaluation	577/711 (81.2)	460/723 (63.6)	2.82 [0.71-11.24]	0.14	0.547
Global Rt-PA	145/538 (27%)	121/602 (20.1)	2.07 [1.05-4.09]	0.04	0.173
Door-to-needle time < 45 min	59/145 (40.7)	35/121 (28.9)	1.86 [0.85-4.09]	0.12	0.037
Antihypertensive	422/540 (78.1)	450/530 (84.9)	0.74 [0.33-1.65]	0.46	0.233

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^aComposite adherence score: early antithrombotics, Rt-PA within therapeutic window, DVT prophylaxis, door-to-needle time < 60 min,

dysphagia screening, assessment for rehabilitation, antithrombotics at discharge, anticoagulants for atrial fibrilation or flutter, LDL >= 100 or not documented (statins), smoke cessation education.

^bMean difference and 95% CI

^oPatients who received all eligible therapies in an "All or None" model: antithrombotics in 48 hours, Rt-PA within therapeutic window, DVT prophylaxis, door-to-needle time < 60 min, dysphagia screening, assessment for rehabilitation, antithrombotics at discharge, anticoagulants for atrial.

^dRtPA within therapeutic window (who arrive within 3.5 hours of symptoms onset and are treated within 4.5 hours)

^e Global Rt-PA rates: Rt-PA delivered in patients who arrive within 24 hours of symptoms and have no contraindications.

^fRt-PA within 3 hours: patients who arrived within 2h of symptoms and are treated within 3h.

⁹Estimative from mixed logistic regression model considering group (Intervention and Control) adjusted by cluster observational phase mean endpoint.

eTable 4. Results of Quality Improvement Intervention on Use of Evidence-Based Therapies for Patients with Transient Ischemic Attack

	Intervention	Control	Mean difference	P value	ICCa
	(19 clusters; 106 patients)	(17 clusters; 84 patients)	[95%CI]		
Primary Endpoint					
Composite adherence score - mean (sd) ^a	90.3 ± 21.3 (n=106)	87.1 ± 20.7 (n=84)	3.08 [-5.68-11.83]	0.48	0.122
Secondary Endpoints					
Complete adherence to all acute and discharge therapies)	82/106 (77.4)	54/84 (64.3)	2.14 [0.85-5.39]	0.11	0.13
Early Antithrombotic	101/106 (95.3)	80/84 (95.2)	0.61 [0.13-2.84]	0.53	0.031
Discharge therapies					
Antithrombotic	95/106 (89.6)	76/84 (90.5)	0.82 [0.31-2.20]	0.70	0
Oral Anticoagulants for AF or Flutter	8/10 (80)	5/7 (71.4)	1.56 [0.09-28.3]*	0.99*	-
LDL > 100 or not documented	77/85 (90.6)	64/74 (86.5)	0.89 [0.29-2.78]	0.84	0
Smoking Cessation Education	15/20 (75)	5/11 (45.5)	3.01 [0.61-14.73]	0.17	0
Antihypertensive	57/82 (69.5)	49/56 (87.5)	0.28 [0.06-1.29]	0.10	0.262
(*) Fisher exact test					

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Endpoints	Intervention Control		OR 95% CI	Р	ICC ^a
	(19 clusters; 817 patients)	(17 clusters; 807 patients)		value	
Composite adherence score - mean (sd) ^a	85.3 (20.1)	77.8 (18.4)	3.15[-4.88 – 11.19] ^ь	.43	0.318
Complete adherence to all acute and discharge therapies) ^c	402/817 (49.2)	203/807 (25.2)	2.30 [1.08-4.91]	.03	0.23
Acute therapies during first 48 hours					
Rt-PA ^d	122/222 (55.0)	107/268 (39.9)	2.84 [1.49-5.39]	<.01	0.09
Global Rt-PA ^e	145/538 (27.0)	121/602 (20.1)	2.03 [1.03 – 3.98]	.04	0.15
Rt-PA within 3 hours ^f	69/123 (56.1)	47/143 (32.9)	3.03 [1.34-6.65]	.01	0.12
Door-to-needle time < 60 min	84/145 (57.9)	59/121 (48.8)	2.96 [1.227.16]	.02	0.116
Door-to-needle time < 45 min	59/145 (40.7)	35/121 (28.9)	2.05 [0.934.52]	.08	0.02
Early Antithrombotic Agents	759/811 (93.6)	756/803 (94.1)	0.54 [0.24-1.19]	.13	0.149
Prophilaxis for DVT	326/450 (72.4)	234/466 (50.2)	2.56 [1.01-6.48)	.05	0.304
Discharge therapies					
Antithrombotics	751/811 (92.6)	759/806 (94.2)	0.53 [0.23-1.22]	.13	0.194
Oral Anticoagulants for AF or Flutter	111/146 (76.0)	77/97 (79.4)	1.14 [0.48-2.68]	.77	0.02
LDL≥100mg/dL or not documented	613/675 (90.8)	631/701 (90)	0.87 [0.51-1.49]	.61	0.06
Smoke Cessation Education	93/129 (72.1)	82/169 (48.5)	3.18 [1.00-10.11]	.05	0.276
Assessed for Rehabilitation	620/711 (87.2)	574/723 (79.4)	1.59 [0.50-5.05]	.43	0.417
Dysphagia Screening	577/711 (81.2)	460/723 (63.6)	2.36 [0.57-9.74]	.24	0.54
Antihypertensive	479/622 (77.0)	499/586 (85.2)	0.82 [0.40-1.68]	.59	0.184

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