

BOX 6A: VERY HIGH RISK FOR RECURRENT STROKE

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VERY HIGH Risk for Recurrent Stroke (Symptom onset within last 48 Hours): Patients who present **within 48 hours** of a suspected transient ischemic attack or non-disabling ischemic stroke with the following symptoms are **considered at highest risk** of first or recurrent stroke: transient, fluctuating or persistent unilateral weakness (face, arm and/or leg); transient, fluctuating or persistent *language/speech disturbance*; *and/or* fluctuating or persistent symptoms *without motor weakness or language/speech disturbance* (e.g. hemibody sensory symptoms, monocular vision loss, hemifield vision loss, +/- other symptoms suggestive of posterior circulation stroke such as binocular diplopia, dysarthria, dysphagia, ataxia).

For additional risk stratification, refer to Section Two of this module.