

How to set up an acute stroke service

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Abstrak

Although it is widely recognized that time is of the essence in the management of stroke, there are currently few efficient stroke centers that prospective new centers may emulate. This book offers a concise and practical guide on how to set up and run an acute stroke service tailored to the needs of the individual center as a provider of primary, secondary or tertiary care. All aspects of the subject are tackled. Essential knowledge on current imaging and treatment options is provided and guidance is offered on organizing a site-specific stroke pathway so as to ensure the quickest possible provision of treatment. The authors played an integral part in the development and operation of one of Europe's most successful early stroke centers and also have experience of the factors that can undermine the creation of world-class stroke units.