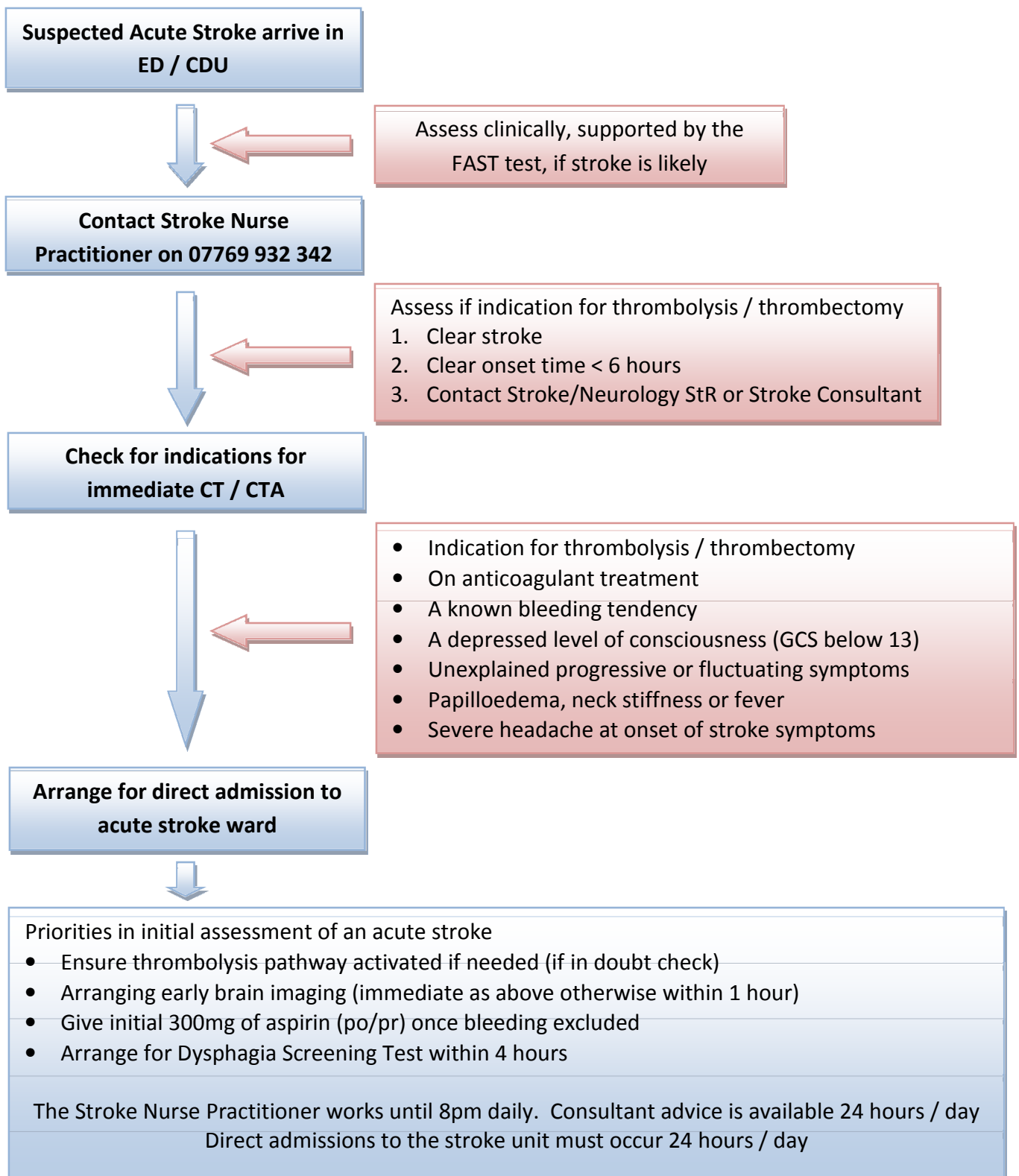
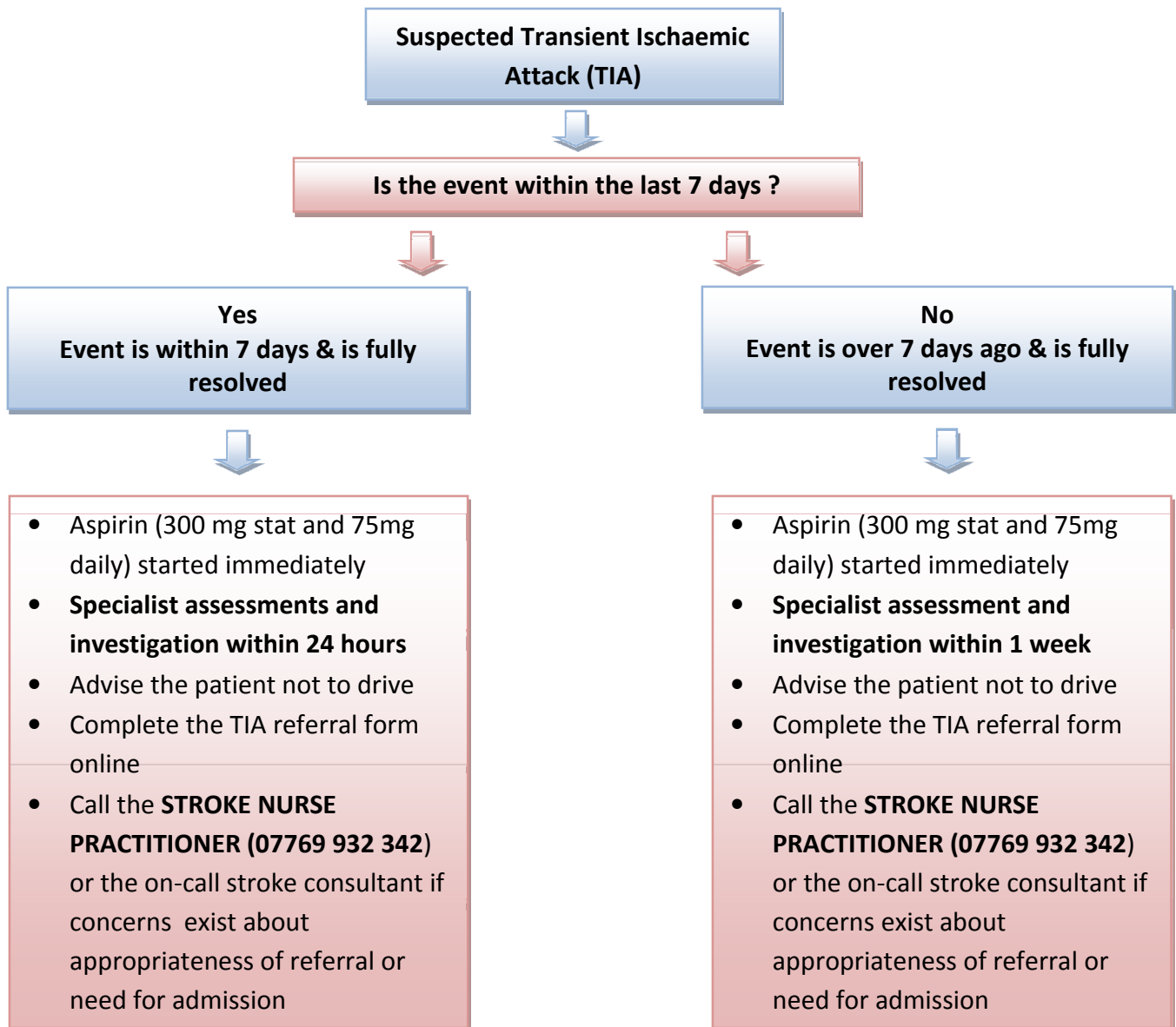


DIAGNOSIS AND INITIAL MANAGEMENT OF ACUTE STROKE AND TRANSIENT ISCHAEMIC ATTACK (TIA)





ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The risk of early stroke following a TIA is high. If in doubt it is advisable to contact the stroke team to confirm urgent TIA clinic is both appropriate and available to allow safe discharge.

Remember a TIA cannot be diagnosed until symptoms have fully resolved.

If genuinely **aspirin intolerant**, give **clopidogrel (300 mg stat and 75mg daily)** or call for advice.

SYNCOPE AND SEIZURES ARE NOT EXPECTED IN A TIA and other aetiologies should be sought.

Patients with alternative diagnoses may not be safe to discharge – please consult alternative pathways and / or the medical on-call team.

As patients may need to attend clinic within a few hours of discharge and more history may be required, **please ensure there is a clear contact number for both the patient and the referring doctor is attached.**