



 Please call 911 if you think you have a medical emergency.

T r a n s i e n t I s c h e m i c A t t a c k T r e a t m e n t

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There is no home care for a transient ischemic attack. If any of the symptoms occur, you should call 911 for emergency medical services.

M e d i c a l T r e a t m e n t

Treatment of TIA is aimed at preventing a future stroke.

- Minimizing risk factors is a priority, including optimizing blood pressure, cholesterol, and controlling diabetes.
- Aspirin is the drug of choice to prevent future TIAs or stroke. Aspirin makes platelets less sticky and prevents clot formation.
- If the TIA occurs when the patient is already taking aspirin, then alternative anti-platelet drugs like clopidogrel bisulfate (Plavix) or aspirin-dipyridamole ER (Aggrenox) may be indicated.
- If the carotid ultrasound shows major narrowing of the artery (stenosis), referral to a vascular surgeon may be necessary to unclog the artery with a carotid endarterectomy.

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For more information, read the complete article, Transient Ischemic Attack (Mini-Stroke) (<http://www.emedicinehealth.com/script/main/art.asp?articlekey=59416>) on <http://www.emedicinehealth.com>.

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