Stroke Guidelines Flowchart  
(Hospital Day #2 – Initial 48h after Stroke)

- Swallowing evaluation at bedside by nursing or MD using Dysphagia Screening tool  
  (if not completed on Day #1)  
  - Formal evaluation by Speech and Swallow, if needed

- Speech therapy evaluation (if needed)

- Diet plan / consultation

- PT & OT evaluation (if not completed on Day #1)

- Social service consult & discharge planning

- Prevent complications
  - Assess bowel/bladder
  - DVT prophylaxis
  - Skin Care
  - Muscle tone
  - Splinting
  - Nutrition
    - Does the patient have difficulty swallowing/coughing?
    - ______________ impaired LOC?
    - ______________ hx of aspiration?
      - Yes → Consider tube feeding
        - Will the need for enteral feeding extend > 1 week?
          - Yes → Consult GI or IR for PEG placement, if patient/family agrees
          - No → Continue tube feed & assess patient for post-acute care
      - No → Assess patient for post-acute care

- Patient education – provide Stroke Education Packet to patient and family, review the following content with them, and document that the education was provided.
  - Personal risk factor modification
  - How to activate EMS – 911
  - Stroke warning signs and symptoms
  - Need for follow-up after discharge
  - Prescribed medications