

### **The ABCD<sup>2</sup> Score**

The ABCD<sup>2</sup> score is a clinical score to predict the risk for stroke within the first two to seven days following a [transient ischemic attack](#) (TIA) or minor stroke.

The ABCD<sup>2</sup> score is based on five parameters: age, blood pressure, presenting neurological features, duration of neurological symptoms, and presence of diabetes mellitus. Each item is scored and the results are added to a result ranging between 0 and 7.

- Score  $\leq 3$  is associated with approximately 1% risk of stroke recurrence within 2 to 7 days.
- Score 4-5 is associated with 4% risk of stroke recurrence at 2 days, and 6% at 7 days
- Score  $>5$  is associated with 8% risk of stroke recurrence at 2 days, and 12% at 7 days

POINTS	AGE (YEARS)	BLOOD PRESSURE SBP $\geq 140$ or DBP $\geq 90$	CLINICAL FEATURES	DURATION OF SYMPTOMS (MINUTES)	DIABETES MELLITUS
0	<60	No	Other than stated below	<10	No
1	$\geq 60$	Yes	Speech disturbance	10 to 59	Yes
2			Unilateral weakness $\pm$ speech disturbance	$\geq 60$	