

The HKPR District Acute Stroke Protocol is supported by:

Peterborough Regional Health Centre

Northumberland Hills Hospital

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Corporation

Campbellford Memorial Hospital

Ross Memorial Hospital

County of Northumberland, EMS Services

County of Haliburton, EMS Services

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Why do you need to go to
**Peterborough Regional
Health Centre
RIGHT AWAY?**



**Information for
Patients & Family Members**

We think you are having a stroke.

A stroke is also called a **brain attack**. This is most often caused by a clot that blocks a blood vessel in the brain.

There is a drug that may dissolve the clot. This drug is **Alteplase**. If a clot caused your stroke, this drug may improve your recovery.

A special medical team must give this drug. This medical team does tests to decide if the alteplase might help you. The alteplase must be given within 4.5 hours from when your stroke started, the earlier the better. **Time is crucial.**

Why am I going directly to Peterborough?

This treatment is available to you in Peterborough at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC).

The doctors and health care professionals at your local hospital agree that the ambulance should take you directly to PRHC.

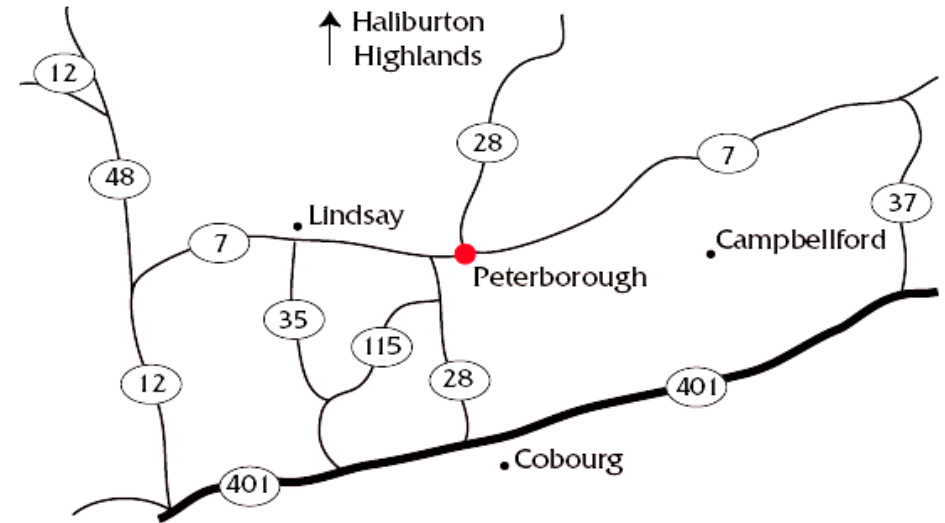
If you receive Alteplase, you will return to your community hospital, usually after 1-2 days (if your community hospital is Northumberland Hills Hospital or Ross Memorial Hospital) or 2-5 days (if your community hospital is Campbellford Memorial Hospital or Haliburton Highlands Health Corporation).

Since I am going to Peterborough, will I get Alteplase?

Going to PRHC does **not** mean you will get Alteplase. That decision is made by the doctors after tests have been done there.

If a member of your family is unable to go to PRHC in the ambulance, they should **keep the phone free**. The hospital may need to call them to provide consent for your treatment. Your family may call Emergency Department at PRHC (705-876-5022) for more information about your condition. If family members accompany you, they should report to the **Registration Desk** in the Emergency Department.

Map to Peterborough



Map to Peterborough Regional Health Centre

