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ACUTE STROKE: CASE PRESENTATION

Disclosures

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Case Presentation

- 58yr AAF with Hx of HTN, HLD, CAD
- Cardiac Cath. for exertional angina with pain radiating into left arm
- Procedural Meds
 - Versed
 - Pretreated with ASA
 - Plavix 300mg Load
 - Heparin
- Findings
 - Mid RCA 70-80% stenosis proximal first diagonal

Post Cath. While on Table

- Decreasing Mental Status
- Dysarthric speech
- What is the Next Step?
 - A- Call the cardiologist
 - B- Prepare Flumazenil to reverse Versed
 - C- Check the BP
 - D- Check Blood Sugar
 - E- Perform neurological assessment
 - F- All of the Above

Neurological Exam

- Sleepy but arousable
- Dysarthric speech
- Not following commands
- Left facial droop
- Impaired vertical gaze
- NIHSS- 21

Where is the Occlusion?

- Left Carotid
- Right Carotid
- Right Middle Cerebral A.
- Right Vertebral A.
- Basilar A.
- Right Posterior Cerebral A.

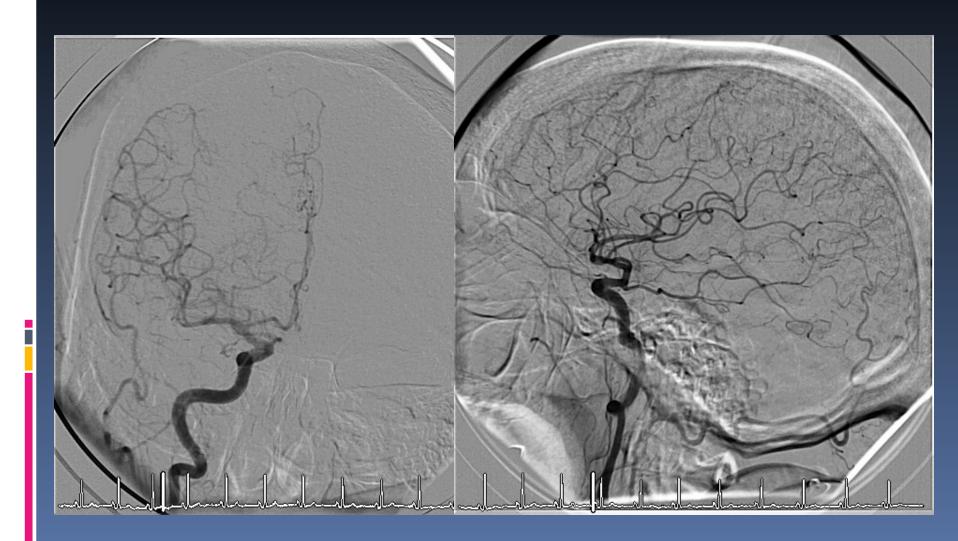
What is the Next Step?

- Observe patient for 1-2hours
- Take the patient to CT
- Take the patient to MRI
- Give IV Heparin
- Give IV tPA
- Take patient to neurointerventional suite

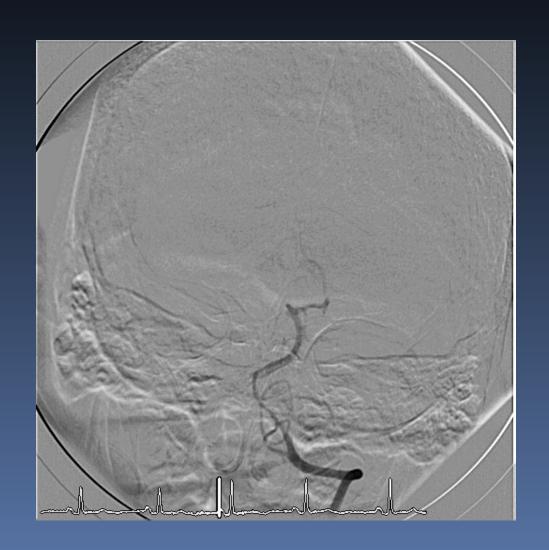
Course

- CT head negative for hemorrhage
- No IV tPA
 - Recent ASA/Plavix load
 - Heparin during cath.
 - Recent femoral stick?

Right ICA Angiogram



Left VA Angiogram



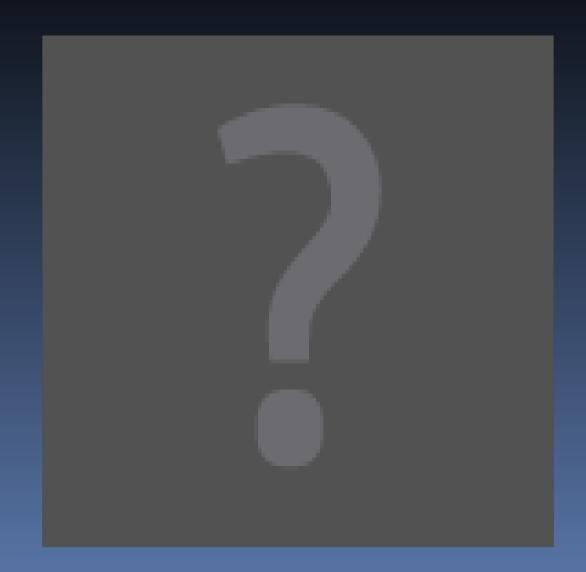
Right VA Angiogram



Intervention Preparation

- Exchange for 6F Neuro Guide in RVA
- 2000U Heparin IA
- Advance 2.3F Microcatheter over 014" hydrophilic microwire
- No sedation
- O2
- Suction
- Boost BP
 - Fluids
 - Neo

Intervention Details



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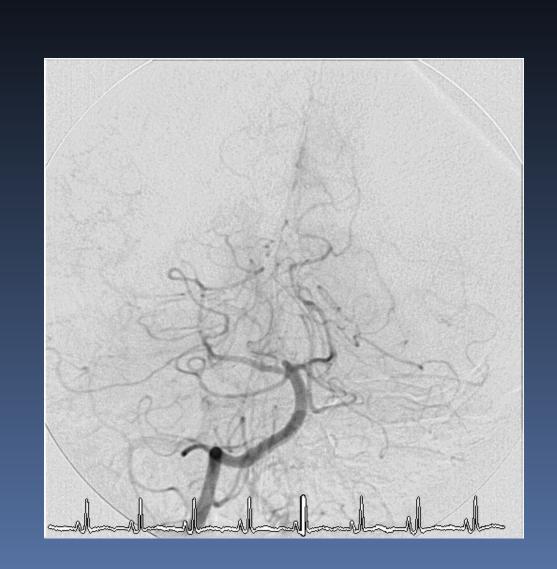
Micrin PCA

Mair



Interventions Details

- Treated with IA thrombolysis
- Over 40 Minutes
 - 6mg IA tPA
 - 6mg ReoPro



Post Intervention

- Patient began to improve on Table
- SBP kept <120</p>
- Glucose <150
- NG Inserted
- No ASA, Plavix, Heparin
- Neurologically Normal by next day
 - NIH-o Rankin-o
- Discharged to home day 2

