

Guidelines for care of patients with Subarachnoid Hemorrhages

1. Traumatic subarachnoid hemorrhages will be admitted to surgery or Neurosurgery. Call NS first to confirm that patient's care can be performed here, then have transferring doctor (if a transfer) call Trauma Surgery to admit patient.
2. Nontraumatic SAH
Arrange transfer to Providence Swedish Hospital in Seattle unless patient is Grade V or comatose.

If you are called by a facility with a CT scan on a patient with a documented nontraumatic SAH, recommend transfer directly to Seattle. (Please do RCIS form)

Transfer protocol:

- Preferred transferring hospital is Providence Swedish in Seattle.
 1. Phone: 206-320-2000, the operator
 2. Ask for NS on call and present case.
 3. Once that doctor accepts patient, call Clinical Admissions to arrange a bed for the pt—they will go directly to the floor. 206-386-6090
- Fill out EMTALA form as usual
- Fill out RCIS form for CHS (clerks will know how to get this form)
- Medications per Dr. Trimble:
 - NS @125 cc/hour
 - Phenytoin 1gm IV load
 - Nimodipine-60 mg po/ng q 4 hours.