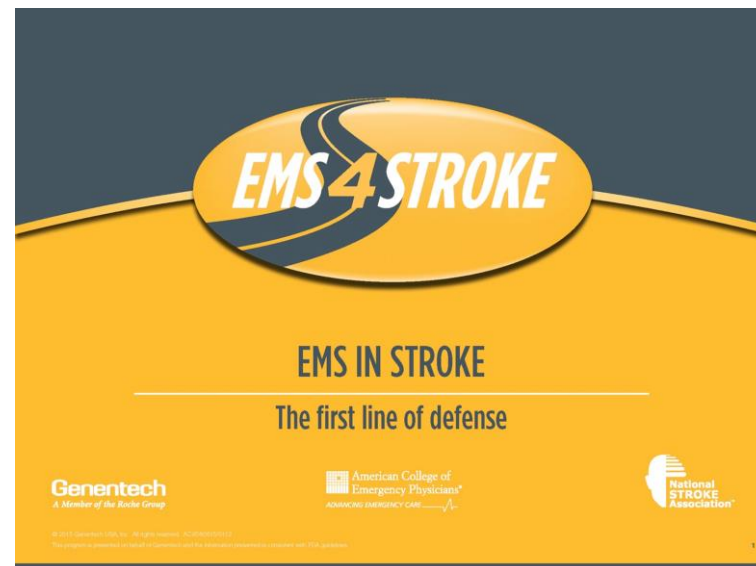


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# CONDITIONS THAT MAY MIMIC STROKE<sup>1</sup>

**There are other conditions that exhibit stroke-like symptoms:**

- Alcoholic intoxication
- Cerebral infection
- Drug overdose
- Epidural hematoma
- Hypoglycemia
- Metabolic disorders (eg, hyponatremia)
- Migraines
- Neuropathies (eg, Bell's palsy)
- Seizure and postseizure
- Tumors



**What is your biggest challenge when identifying stroke?**

# PREHOSPITAL STROKE CARE AND SCALES<sup>1,2</sup>

## Enable identification and prioritization of stroke patients



- Formal stroke assessment tools can increase paramedic sensitivity to stroke identification to  $\geq 90\%$
- Frequently used screening tools include\*
  - Cincinnati Prehospital Stroke Scale
  - Los Angeles Prehospital Stroke Screen (LAPSS)
- EMS should establish and record exact time when patient was last seen normal

\*State or local regulations may specify which scale to use.

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# Definitive Treatment Options

More than just getting to a hospital.