

# Acute Stroke Unit Policy

Hypertension within 24 hours of thrombolysis

**Systolic BP >180mmHg**

**OR**

**Diastolic BP > 105mmHg**



**Stop alteplase infusion if still running**

**Consider other causes of hypertension e.g pain/urinary retention**



**Labetalol 10mg iv over 2 minutes**



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**If no improvement call medical team  
for immediate review**

**Abandon alteplase infusion**



**Consider further labetalol or infusion  
Consider gentle reduction with nitrates  
NB: Consider raised intracranial pressure  
(low threshold for CT brain)**



**Systolic BP now <180mmHg  
Diastolic BP now <105mmHg  
If no other concerns**



**Restart infusion if interrupted**