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SIGN OF STROKE	PATIENT ACTIVITY	INTERPRETATION
Facial Droop	Have the patient look up at you, smile, and show his teeth	Normal: Symmetry to both sides. Abnormal: One side of the face droops or does not move symmetrically.
Arm Drift	Have patient lift arms up and hold them out with eyes closed for 10 seconds	Normal: Symmetrical movement in both arms. Abnormal: One arm drifts down or asymmetrical movement of the arms.
Abnormal Speech	Have the patient say, "You can't teach an old dog new tricks"	Normal: The correct words are used and no slurring of words is noted. Abnormal: The words are slurred, the wrong words are used, the patient is aphasic.