



# TNK (Clotbuster) for Ischemic Stroke

## What is an Ischemic Stroke?

An ischemic stroke is an injury to a part of the brain caused by a blood clot.

If you have this type of stroke, you may be offered a clotbuster (TNK) or other treatments with the intention of restoring blood flow.

## What are the benefits?

- Patients receiving TNK have a 30% decrease in disability or death.

## What are the risks?

- Patients who receive TNK have a higher risk of bleeding into the brain (6 out of 100 patients).
- Bleeding into the brain may cause stroke symptoms to get worse or may result in death.
- TNK may also cause bleeding in other areas of the body.

## Decision making

- If you choose not to have treatment with TNK, your care will not be affected and you will start receiving appropriate care for a stroke.
- If you have any questions about TNK or other treatments for stroke, please talk to your doctor or any member of your health care team.

## What is TNK (tenecteplase)?

- TNK is a medication that breaks up some blood clots, allowing blood supply to return to the brain.
- TNK is given to you through small tube into your vein (an IV).

## Who may be eligible for TNK?

- Patients who are having a stroke caused by a blood clot (confirmed by a CT scan).
- Treatment must be started within 4.5 hours from the start of symptoms.
- When all your tests are completed, the doctor will speak to you and your family to let them know if this medication is an option for you.



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