



History taking

Cardiovascular risk factors

- Height: cm
- Weight: kg
- Smoking: ☐ Current smoker ☐ Ex-smoker (quitted >6mnth ago) ☐ Never smoked
- If current/ever; years: sig. p/d:
- Alcohol use units per week

Family history

First-degree relatives < 65 yr with myocardial infarction/ischemic stroke/peripheral artery disease?

- 0
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Medication

Current medication, i.e. *before* the event suspected of a TIA:

Name:

Dose:

☐ NONE[illegible]

Patient's narrative of signs and symptoms



'Can you describe in your own words the symptoms for which you consulted the GP?'

--- The response to (only) this question will be recorded ---

Course of symptoms

- The start of symptoms was:
☐ sudden
☐ gradually
- Total duration of symptoms: h min
- Did the participant feel the symptoms coming or did they come unexpectedly?
☐ He/she felt symptoms coming
☐ Symptoms came unexpectedly
- Were there any signs or symptoms preceding the (possible) neurological deficits?
☐ No
☐ Yes, namely: _____

- Were symptoms immediately there in full intensity or did they get worse over time?
☐ Onset of symptoms in full intensity
☐ Symptoms got worse over time
- Does the participant fully remember the signs and symptoms?
☐ YES ☐ NO
- Had the participant experienced the symptoms (suspected of a TIA) before?
☐ YES ☐ NO
If yes, when? _____

- How many times?

Were the following signs and symptoms present?

<p>Total or partial loss of strength (motor deficit) in arm/hand, leg/foot or face</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If yes: Unilateral Bilateral</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Numbness/tingling sensation (sensory deficit) in arm/hand, leg/foot, or face</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If yes: Unilateral Bilateral</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Vision problem/impaired vision</p> <p>If yes; this concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diplopia • Blurred vision (both eyes) • Loss of vision/blindness in one part of visual field (both eyes) • Loss of vision/blindness in one eye (amaurosis fugax); as a shade coming down over the eye 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Seeing flashes, sparkles, stars or other visual phenomena</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Communication problem</p> <p>If yes; this concerned:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incoherent language, trouble finding words, strange sentences or words, trouble understanding language (dysphasia) • Problems with articulation and pronouncing words (dysarthria) 	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>
<p>Spinning sensation/true vertigo</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Lightheadedness</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Feeling like one might black-out/faint (presyncope)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Loss of consciousness</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Loss of short-term memory, without loss of consciousness</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Being adrift, unsteady gait, disturbed coordination (ataxia)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Swallowing problem/choking</p> <p>Needs to be distinguished from: Globus sensation</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Muscle contractions or spasms</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Sudden fall to the ground (drop attack)</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Headache</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Nausea and/or vomiting</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Pain or tightness on the chest</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Shortness of breath</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Palpitations, irregular heartbeat</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>
<p>Other relevant symptoms?</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>

Questions regarding time delay

Determining time delay

- Onset of symptoms:

date

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time

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- Participant first reported symptoms to:

- ☐ Relative/friend
- ☐ Relative/friend with medical knowledge
- ☐ General Practitioner (GP)
- ☐ GP out of hours service
- ☐ Emergency Department (ED)

This was at:

date

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time

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- The first contact with a medical service was with:

- ☐ GP
- ☐ GP out of hours service
- ☐ ED

This was at:

date

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time

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- The moment the participant made an appointment with the GP (making the appointment)

was:

date

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time

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Factors that might influence delay

- Living situation?
 - ☐ Alone
 - ☐ With partner/relatives
 - ☐ In a nursing home

- Highest level of education (*the original version includes Dutch levels of education*):
 - ☐ Primary education
 - ☐ Lower secondary education
 - ☐ Upper secondary education
 - ☐ Post-secondary non-tertiary education
 - ☐ Tertiary education
 - ☐ Other, namely: _____

- At the time of symptom onset, was the participant alone or in company of others?
 - ☐ Alone
 - ☐ In company of: _____

- Did the participant have an idea what caused the symptoms?
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Yes, namely: _____

- How severe did the participant consider these symptoms were?
On a scale of 0-10:

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- Did the participant consider these symptoms to be an emergency?
 - ☐ No
 - ☐ Yes

- What was the participants' first response to symptoms?
 - ☐ Nothing specific because symptoms quickly resolved
 - ☐ Wait and see
 - ☐ Asked a relative or friend for advice
 - ☐ Self-treatment
 - ☐ Seeking medical attention
 - ☐ Other, namely: _____

- If a relative or friend was asked for advice, what was the advice?

- Did the participant contact a medical service within 1 hour from symptom onset?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If NO, why? ☐ Not applicable

☐ Symptoms resolved

☐ Thought that the symptoms would resolve

☐ Did not consider it severe enough

☐ Others said it could wait

☐ Unable because of the symptoms

☐ Transportation issues

☐ Because it happened outside office hours

☐ Other, namely: _____

- Was the participant familiar with TIA (before this episode)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If YES, what are signs and symptoms of a TIA?

☐ Doesn't know any

☐ The following: _____

If YES; a TIA can be a precursor of a certain disease. What disease?

☐ Doesn't know

☐ Precursor of: _____

- Did you think a TIA requires urgent medical treatment (within a day)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Doesn't know