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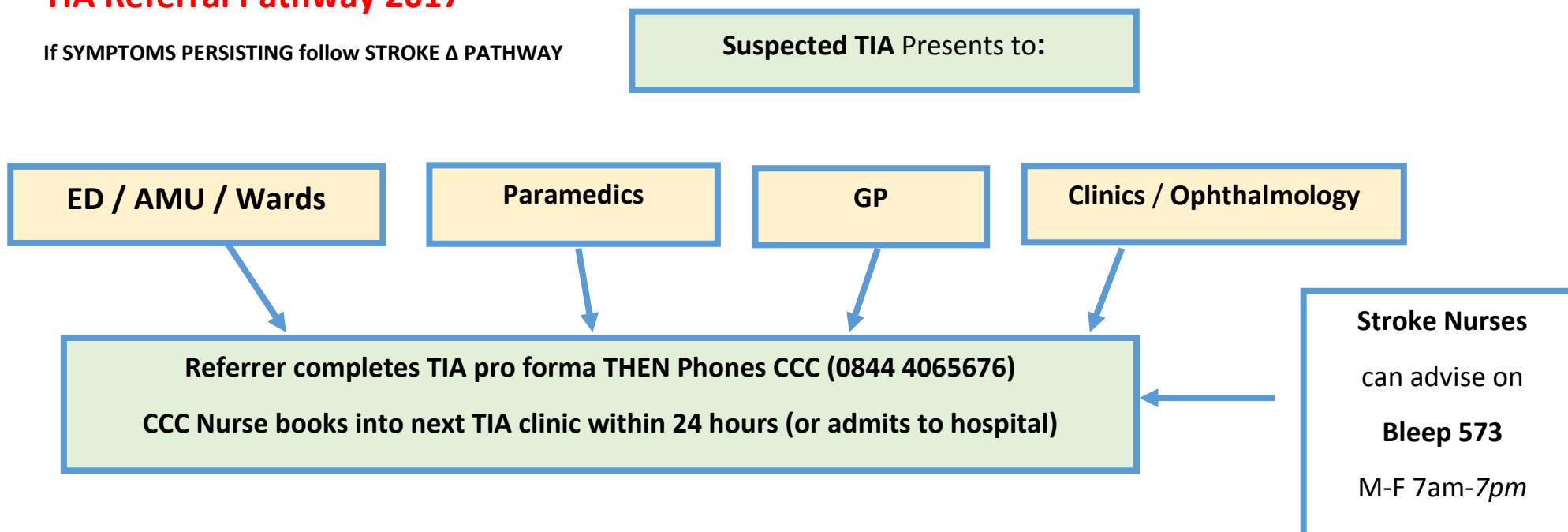
TIA REFERRAL PROCESS

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TIA Referral Pathway 2017

If SYMPTOMS PERSISTING follow STROKE Δ PATHWAY



NOTES from National Guidelines:

If acute neurological symptoms resolve completely within 24 hours (i.e. suspected TIA) without headache give **aspirin 300 mg** immediately and assessed **urgently within 24 hours in TIA clinic**. If no TIA appointment available CCC should advise admission via ED
>>> contact stroke nurse on bleep 573 Mon - Friday (7am - 7pm).

Brain imaging may wait till clinic, except when **haemorrhage requires exclusion in patients taking an anticoagulant** or a bleeding disorder. Patients with suspected TIA that occurred more than a week previously should be assessed as soon as possible within 7 days. If TIA not felt likely consider routine stroke outpatient clinic or neurology or other clinic as appropriate.

Admitted 'TIA' patients should not be discharged until investigations and medications have been completed or a TIA appointment is given via CCC. Note: about half of referrals to a suspected TIA clinic will have alternative diagnosis.

Patient to stay with health care provider until appointment given & given **information about the recognition of stroke symptoms** and the action to be taken if they occur. Ask patients to allow 2-4 hours at the TIA clinic in order for investigations and consultation.