

# Tenecteplase for treating acute ischaemic stroke

Information for the public

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Tenecteplase (Metalyse) is available on the NHS for the thrombolytic (clot-busting) treatment of an acute ischaemic stroke in adults:

- within 4.5 hours stroke symptoms starting, and
- when there is no intracranial haemorrhage (bleeding in the brain)

## Is this treatment right for me?

Your healthcare professionals should give you clear information, talk with you about your options and listen carefully to your views and concerns. Your family can be involved too, if you wish. See [our webpage on making decisions about your care](#).

## Questions to think about

- How well does it work compared with other treatments?
- What are the risks or side effects? How likely are they?
- How will the treatment affect my day-to-day life?
- What happens if the treatment does not work?
- What happens if I do not want to have treatment? Are there other treatments available?

## Information and support

The [NHS webpage on stroke](#) may be a good place to find out more.

These organisations can give you advice and support:

- [Different Strokes](#), 0345 1307 172
- [Stroke Association](#), 0303 3033 100

You can also get support from your local [Healthwatch](#).

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