ABCD² score for predicting stroke risk

The ABCD² score is meant to help predict short-term stroke risk after a transient ischemic attack (TIA). It is optimized to predict stroke risk within two days after a TIA, but also predicts risk up to 90 days. Add the points for the total score.

Criteria	Point value
Age ≥60 years	1
Systolic blood pressure ≥140/90 mmHg or diastolic blood pressure ≥90 mmHg	1
Clinical features of TIA (choose one):	
Unilateral weakness	2
Speech disturbance without weakness	1
Duration of TIA (choose one):	
≥60 minutes	2
10-59 minutes	1
Diabetes mellitus in patient history	1

Scoring: A score of 0-3 indicates a 1% stroke risk in the next two days, and hospital admission is probably unnecessary without another indication such as new atrial fibrillation. A score of 4-5 carries a 4.1% risk of stroke in two days, and hospital admission is warranted in most situations. A score of 6-7 carries an 8.1% risk of stroke in two days, and hospital admission is essential.