



Clinical Documentation Checklist

Diagnosis of cryptogenic ischemic stroke

It is recommended that the comprehensive evaluation follow the latest professional society guidelines for diagnosing a cryptogenic ischemic stroke. The following assessments are identified in the device Instructions for Use (IFU) which should be included in the patient's documentation at a minimum:¹

- MRI or CT scanning of the head to rule out small vessel disease or lacunar infarct
- TEE to rule out non-PFO intra-cardioembolic sources or conditions or aortic arch atheroma
- ECG and prolonged cardiac rhythm monitoring (~ 30 days) to rule out atrial fibrillation and other heart rhythm disturbances that may be associated with stroke
- Intra and extracranial artery imaging: MRA, CT angiography, or contrast angiography to rule out an ischemic stroke associated with atherosclerotic plaque, arterial dissection or other vascular diseases
- Hematological evaluation to rule out underlying hypercoagulable state

This list is not an exhaustive list of all conditions to consider. It is the responsibility of the provider to determine the proper assessments to determine the diagnosis of a cryptogenic stroke.

Reference

¹ Abbott_AMPLATZER™ PFO Occluder Instructions for Use at <https://www.structuralheart.abbott/products/pfo-closure-device/amplatzer-talisman-pfo-occluder/#isi>

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