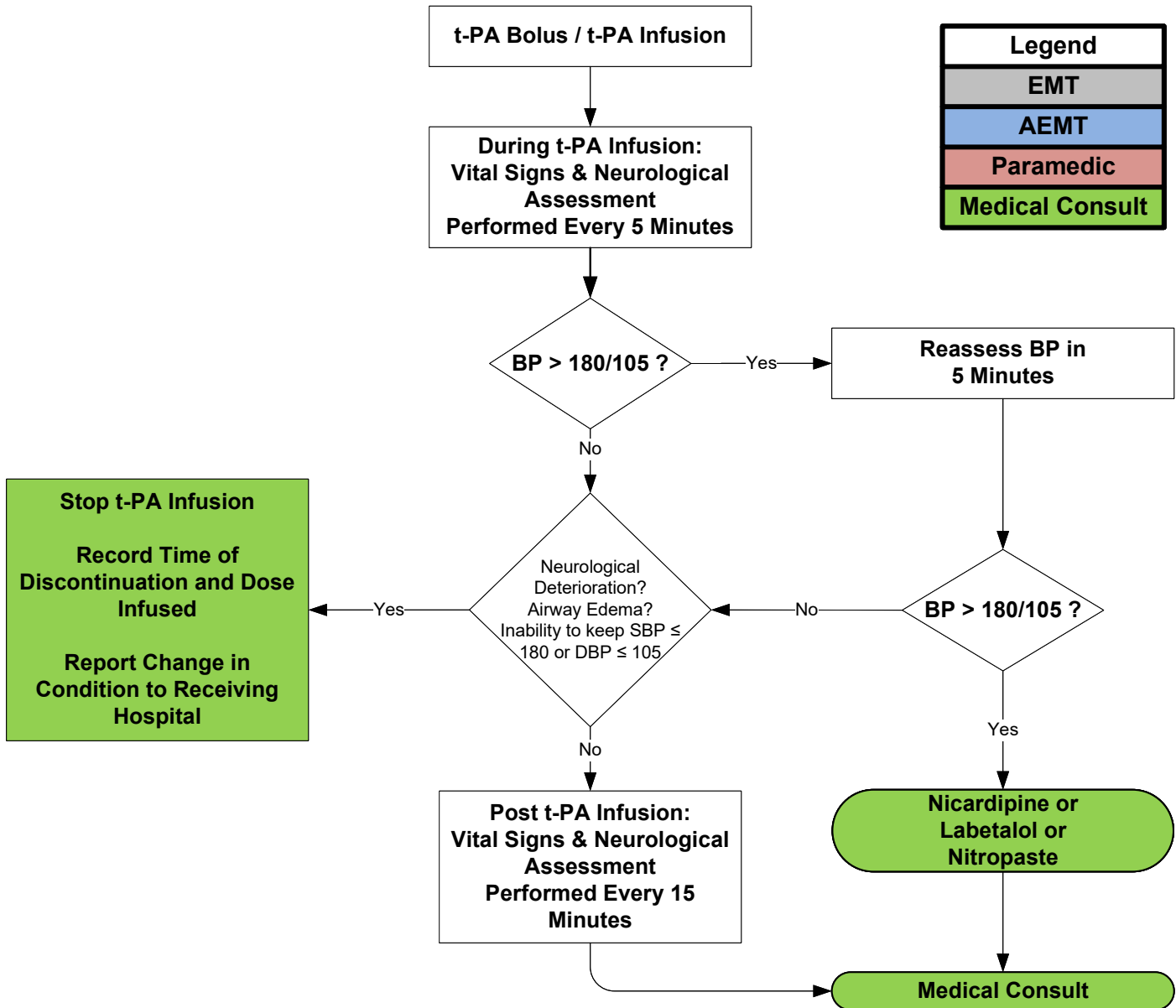


STROKE / t-PA DRIP & SHIP



Pearls:

- o See the **mini-NIHSS STROKE SCALE** (in appendix) for Neuro Assessment Criteria.
- o **Immediately notify the receiving facility with any significant change in patient condition.**
- o Oxygen should be administered only when the SpO₂ is ≤ 94%.
- o Hold Nicardipine for BP < 140/80.
- o Labetalol should only be administered in HR is > 65 bpm, otherwise use ½ inch of nitropaste if Nicardipine is unavailable.
- o Neuro deterioration includes severe headache, worsening stroke symptoms, new acute hypertension, and nausea and vomiting.
- o Activase (t-PA) dose is 0.9 mg/kg (max 90 mg total dose). 10% is infused over one minute as a bolus; the remaining 90% is infused over 60 minutes.
- o Prior to transport, determine if the sending or receiving hospital will be considered medical control for the patient transfer.
- o Nicardipine is included on Air Med inventory only and CCT units in the Houston and Dallas markets only.
- o Air Med personnel are authorized to administer medication to address hypertension via standing orders when indicated.