My physician believes that I am having a stroke caused by the blockage of an artery to my brain by a blood clot. My physician has explained to me that many patients become more seriously ill immediately after a stroke, even with state-of-the-art treatment. Of those who survive, most patients will have some degree of permanent disability.

My physician has advised me that I might benefit from a drug given by vein, called TPA (tissue plasminogen activator), which dissolves blood clots. This drug is approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for this purpose. TPA can lead to some improvement after a stroke in 1 out of every 3 patients treated. It must be given within 3 hours after a stroke started. The chance of stroke patients ending up with little or no residual disability can be improved from about 38% without the drug, to about 50% with the drug. When used to treat large numbers of stroke patients, on average the potential benefits of this treatment outweigh the risks; however, in any individual patient it is a very personal decision and these is no guarantee that TPA will help me.

I realize that medical treatments carry risks. Bleeding into the brain is the major risk of treatment with TPA.

and occurs in about 6 out of 100 patients, 3 of whom will die. The risk of serious bleeding is less than 1 in 100 without the drug. With or without the drug, 1 of 5 stroke patients will die in the months (paralysis, coma, etc.), worsening of stroke symptoms from swelling or bleeding in the brain, bleeding in other parts of my body, other unexpected complication and even death. I authorize		
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