

**Table 9. Contraindications for fibrinolysis. Adapted with permission from O’Gara et al. (236)**

### **Absolute contraindications**

- Any prior intracerebral haemorrhage
- Known structural cerebral vascular lesion (e.g. arteriovenous malformation)
- Known malignant intracranial neoplasm (primary or metastatic)
- Ischaemic stroke within 3 months
- EXCEPT acute ischaemic stroke within 4.5 hours
- Suspected aortic dissection
- Active bleeding or bleeding diathesis (excluding menses)
- Significant closed-head or facial trauma within 3 months
- Intracranial or intraspinal surgery within 2 months

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### **Relative contraindications**

- History of chronic, severe, poorly-controlled hypertension
- Significant hypertension on presentation (SBP >180 mmHg or DBP >110 mmHg)
- History of prior ischaemic stroke >3 months
- Known intracranial pathology not covered in absolute contraindications
- Dementia
- Traumatic or prolonged (>10 min) CPR
- Major surgery (<3 weeks)
- Recent internal bleeding (within 2–4 weeks)
- Non-compressible vascular punctures
- Pregnancy
- Active peptic ulcer
- Oral anticoagulant therapy