

Know Stroke

# See the Signs. Act F.A.S.T.

## Every second counts

Stroke is a medical emergency. About 80% are ischemic strokes, which disrupts blood to the brain. The rest are hemorrhagic strokes, caused by bleeding in or around the brain. The longer blood flow is cut off, the greater the damage. That's why recognizing the signs and calling 911 the moment you notice them is so crucial.



### **F** Face Drooping

Does one side of the face droop when smiling?



### **A** Arm Weakness

When arms are raised, does one drift down?



### **S** Speech Difficulty

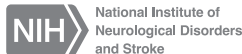
Is speech slurred or strange?



### **T** Time to Call 911

Do not drive — call an ambulance immediately.

Getting to a hospital **quickly** saves lives and increases the chances for successful recovery.



Stroke, a leading cause of disability and death, can take away your ability to talk, walk, and think clearly. And stroke can happen to anyone—even if you're young.

## More **sudden** stroke symptoms

### Numbness

or weakness of face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body

### Confusion

trouble speaking, or trouble understanding

### Trouble Seeing

in one or both eyes

### Trouble Walking

dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination

### Severe Headache

with no known cause

