

Know the Signs of Stroke

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Face Drooping

Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the FACE droop?

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Arm Weakness

Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one ARM drift downward?

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Speech Difficulty

Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are the words slurred? Can he/she repeat the sentence correctly?

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Time to Call 9-1-1

If the person shows any of these symptoms, time is important. Call 9-1-1. Brain cells are dying.



At the First Sign of a Stroke, Call 9-1-1

Transport by ambulance results in earlier arrival, quicker evaluation and faster treatment.

Quick Treatment is Critical

Intravenous tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) is a drug used for emergency treatment of ischemic (clot-caused) stroke, but it can only be given within the first 4.5 hours after the first signs of a stroke.

Life-saving surgery may also be an option, but it is dependent on quick arrival to the Emergency Room.