



Stroke is a medical emergency. Know the signs of stroke and act FAST.

FACE is it drooping?
A RMS can you raise both?
S PEECH is it slurred or jumbled?
T IME to call 9-1-1 right away.

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If you or someone with you experiences any of these signs, call 9-1-1 or your local emergency number immediately. Acting quickly can improve your survival and recovery.

What to expect at the hospital

You should receive medical attention soon after you arrive. If you don't, let the emergency department staff know.

Provide detailed medical history and information about past medical conditions if possible. Knowing the exact time that the stroke signs began is helpful.

What a stroke looks like

The first time Staceys had a stroke, she immediately went to the emergency department. Having no visible symptoms and being in good health, she was told it was stress. Within a few days, she had two more strokes. The third time, when she felt her left side going numb, she grabbed her phone and hit record, so that she could show doctors exactly what she was experiencing.

What you need to know about "mini-stroke" or TIA (transient ischemic attack)

Transient ischemic attack (TIA), or "mini-stroke" happens when a clot stops blood from flowing to the brain for a short time. TIA is a medical emergency. Call 9-1-1 or your local emergency immediately. If you are not admitted to a hospital, ask when you will be seen at a stroke clinic and how that is arranged.

Everyone needs to know the signs of stroke.

You never know when you, a parent, a spouse or a friend, might experience the signs and it will be up to you to act. Help your community learn the signs of stroke. **Print** this page, and post it to your refrigerator, or put it up at work.