



**American Stroke Association**  
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GETTING TO THE  
**HEART OF STROKE™**

# What to do **instead** of having another **stroke**.

About one in four stroke survivors suffers a second one — but it doesn't have to be that way. Reduce your risk. Work with your doctor to create a secondary stroke prevention plan and stick with it.

## PREVENTION CHECKLIST

I plan to take these steps instead of having another stroke:

- Know the cause of my stroke
- Manage high blood pressure
- Control cholesterol
- Reduce blood sugar
- Be active
- Eat better
- Lose weight
- Stop smoking
- Be involved in my treatment plan decisions
- Take medications as prescribed
- Join a program that includes exercise, education and counseling



## WHEN STROKE STRIKES, EVERY SECOND COUNTS.

A stroke is always a medical emergency. The longer it goes untreated the greater the chance of lasting damage. **Time lost is brain lost.** Learn to recognize the signs of stroke using the letters B-E-F-A-S-T.

# B.E.F.A.S.T.

Balance Loss

Eye (Vision) Changes

Face Drooping

Arm Weakness

Speech Difficulty

Time to Call 911

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