OPPORTUNITIES FOR STROKE RECOVERY HAVE NEVER BEEN GREATER

UPDATED GUIDELINES EMPHASIZE IMPORTANCE OF QUICK ACTION

LEARN AND SHARE THE WARNING SIGNS OF STROKE
Spot a Stroke F.A.S.T.

**FACE DROOPING**
Does one side of the face droop or is it numb?

**ARM WEAKNESS**
Is one arm weak or numb?

**SPEECH DIFFICULTY**
Is speech slurred, are they unable to speak, or are they hard to understand?

**TIME TO CALL 9-1-1**
If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get to the hospital immediately.

Quick treatment = less brain damage!
Importance of Getting to the Hospital Quickly

Get to the hospital at the first sign of stroke so you can be evaluated and receive treatment in time. Stroke treatment begins in the ambulance. Calling 9-1-1 can help patients get treated more quickly and get them to a hospital that specializes in stroke care.

Clot busters and clot-removal procedures must be administered within a few hours of stroke symptoms to lessen the chance of being disabled after a stroke.

**Mechanical thrombectomy** is a procedure that can physically remove a large blood clot from a blocked artery in the brain.

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1. Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics-2019 Update: A Report from the American Heart Association

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