

# SPOT A STROKE F.A.S.T.



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Immediate medical treatment can save lives, but **more than 1/3** of acute stroke patients **don't take an ambulance** to the hospital.<sup>1</sup>

**AMBULANCE**

## FACE DROOPING

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

## SPEECH DIFFICULTY

Is speech slurred, is he or she unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Is the sentence repeated correctly?

## ARM WEAKNESS

Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

## 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 him or her to the hospital immediately.

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[StrokeAssociation.org/warningsigns](http://StrokeAssociation.org/warningsigns)

<sup>1</sup>Cheng, Eric M. et al. Patterns of Emergency Medical Services Use and Its Association With Timely Stroke Treatment: Finding From Get With the Guidelines-Stroke. *Circulation*. 2013; 118.

