



Stroke

A stroke occurs when blood vessels carrying blood to the brain rupture or are blocked. Risk factors for stroke include advanced age, heredity, prior stroke or TIA, history of smoking, diabetes, heart disease, and history of alcohol abuse.

Get help right away by calling 911 if you or someone you know experiences symptoms of a stroke!

Possible symptoms of a stroke:

- Sudden, unexplained weakness or numbness on one side of the body**
- Sudden loss of vision or dimness, particularly in one eye**
- Difficulty speaking, slurring or trouble understanding others**
- Sudden, severe headache with no apparent cause**
- Dizziness, sudden falling**