

IT'S TREATABLE

4. There is **medicine**, called TPA, to treat stroke, – but it can **ONLY** be given at the hospital!

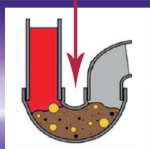
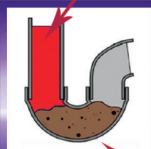
Remember: Time is everything!

- **Call 911** and get to the hospital as soon as stroke symptoms start!
- **Faster treatment means better recovery.**



The yellow dots are like TPA dissolving the clot

Blood



Clot

Blood flowing freely again!

5. TPA: The clot buster medicine

- Imagine the arteries in your brain are like pipes in your kitchen sink.
- Just like a clog in your kitchen pipes, during a stroke, a clot gets trapped and stops blood from flowing to parts of your brain.
- **TPA** is a medicine that dissolves the clot so that blood can flow freely through the brain again!

6. When you know the facts, you can react!

Over 100,000 people have been helped by getting the clot buster medicine because they spoke up!

Join them!



When it comes to stroke,

TIME IS

EVERYTHING!



It's Easy as 1,2,3!

- 1** Recognize the signs of a stroke
- 2** Call 911 and get to the hospital fast
- 3** Write down the time symptoms started



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STROKE...

IT'S NOT A SECRET WORTH KEEPING

1. ...is when a clot gets trapped in your brain and causes part of your brain to die.



2. Stroke Happens

- Stroke is common!
- Someone has a stroke every 40 seconds.
- Disability caused by stroke can leave a person unable to do normal, everyday activities.

Stroke is an EMERGENCY!



THE LONGER A STROKE GOES WITHOUT TREATMENT, MORE OF THE BRAIN DIES!

3. Don't be silent about **signs of stroke!**
If any of these signs suddenly happen, act **FAST:**

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Face Drooping

- Uneven face
- Crooked smile
- Uneven eyebrows
- Face/smile looks twisted



How To Check:

- Have the person smile.
- Is one side of their mouth drooping?
- Is one eye drooping?

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Arm Weakness

- Weakness on one side
- Dropping things
- Can't lift arm
- One side shutting down



How To Check:

- Have the person raise both arms.
- Does one arm drift down?
- Are they dropping things?

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Speech Difficulties

- Slurred speech
- Sentences are mixed up
- Trouble finding words
- Trouble understanding



How To Check:

- Have the person repeat a sentence.
- Are their words mixed up?
- Is their speech slurred?
- Do they have trouble answering a question?

Have you noticed any of these stroke signs?

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Time To Call 911!

Get to the hospital as soon as **stroke symptoms start!**



Just one stroke sign is an emergency!

