



Stroke Warning Signs



Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one Side of the body



Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding



Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes



Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination



Sudden, severe headache with no known cause

Immediately call [the ambulance 101] (ideally with advanced life support).

Also, check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared. It's very important to take immediate action. If given within 3 *hours* of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug called tissue plasminogen activator (TPA) may reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke.

TPA is the only FDA-approved medication for the treatment of stroke within three hours of stroke symptom onset.

A TIA or transient ischemic attack is a "warning stroke" or "mini-stroke" that produces stroke-like symptoms but no lasting damage. Recognizing and treating TIAs can reduce your risk of a major stroke.

The usual TIA symptoms are the same as those of stroke, only temporary. The short duration of these symptoms and lack of permanent brain injury is the main difference between TIA and stroke.

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