



American Stroke Association®  
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Together to End Stroke®



# DO YOU KNOW?

Strokes occur in toddlers, children and teens.

**Stroke is an emergency at any age.**

## SPOT A STROKE

# B.E.F.A.S.T.

Balance Loss	Eye (Vision) Changes	Face Drooping	Arm Weakness	Speech Difficulty	Time to Call 911
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**If your child has one or more of these signs, don't delay — call 911 or the emergency system.**

**If it looks or feels like a stroke, it may be one.**

### Additional Warning Signs in Children:

- Sudden severe headache, especially with vomiting and sleepiness
- Sudden weakness or numbness on one side of the body (face, arm and/or leg)
- Sudden confusion, difficulty speaking or understanding others
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes
- Sudden difficulty walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- New onset of seizures, usually on one side of the body

## FACTS TO KNOW



Experts and recent studies stress **EARLY STROKE RECOGNITION** in children.



Signs of stroke are often missed in children and teens because of **LACK OF AWARENESS.**



About half of children who had a stroke had a **PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED RISK FACTOR.**



The clot-busting drug tPA and clot retrieval devices **AREN'T FDA APPROVED FOR USE IN CHILDREN.**

**Medical conditions associated with stroke include:** Sickle Cell Disease, Moyamoya Disease, Arterial Dissection, Autoimmune Disorders, Congenital Heart Diseases and Blood Clotting Disorders.

Learn more at [stroke.org](http://stroke.org).



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