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SUBJECT: MAY IS AMERICAN STROKE MONTH

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May is American Stroke Month.

Stroke is the nation's third leading cause of death and a leading cause of adult disability.

Yet with new therapies, it is a preventable cause of life-threatening illness.

Stroke is treatable when recognized quickly. Symptoms come on suddenly and may include numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body. Other warning signs are intense headache, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, trouble speaking, and difficulty seeing in one or both eyes.

Successful treatment usually depends on emergency care given within the "magic window" of time, within 3 hours of stroke onset. Interventional neuroradiologists are performing new treatments that often result in complete or near-complete recovery from the effects of stroke.

Risk for stroke increases as people age, but some lifestyle changes can decrease that risk.

Remember—stroke is treatable when recognized quickly. Know the symptoms and get emergency medical help quickly when you see the signs.

For information on stroke risk, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment, visit RadiologyInfo dot org. That's RadiologyInfo dot org.

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