

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

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SUBJECT: MAY IS AMERICAN STROKE MONTH

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May is American Stroke Month.

Stroke is a leading cause of death and permanent brain injury among adults in the United States. Yet stroke is preventable and treatable when quickly recognized. Signs of stroke include sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg (typically on one side of the body). Other symptoms include trouble seeing, walking or speaking and unexplained sudden, severe headache.

Recognizing the signs of stroke and seeking immediate medical treatment can reduce your risk of permanent brain injury. C-T or M-R-I may be used to help identify the type of stroke and appropriate course of treatment. Timely clot-busting drugs, image-guided endocranial vascular treatments or surgery can result in a complete or near-complete recovery.

Remember— You can reduce your risk for death and permanent injury from stroke. Seek immediate emergency medical help when you see the signs.

For more information, visit *RadiologyInfo.org*.

This health reminder is from the Radiological Society of North America.

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