

## **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. Black and Hispanic Americans have the highest risk for stroke. High blood pressure, high cholesterol, diabetes, and obesity can increase your risk.

Stroke is preventable and treatable when quickly recognized. Look for sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm, or leg (typically on one side of the body). Watch for trouble seeing, walking, or speaking and an unexplained sudden, severe headache.

Recognizing these signs and seeking immediate medical treatment can reduce your risk of permanent 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 vascular treatments or surgery can result in a complete or near-complete recovery.

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