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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 disability, yet it is treatable when quickly recognized. Symptoms may include sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg (typically on one side of the body).

Other warning signs include sudden severe headache, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination, trouble speaking, and sudden vision changes in one or both eyes.

Treatment is usually most effective when administered as quickly as possible after symptom onset. CT or magnetic resonance imaging may be used to help determine the type of stroke and course of treatment. Timely surgery, clot-busting drugs or image-guided intracranial vascular treatments can result in complete or near-complete recovery from the effects of stroke.

Remember—stroke is treatable when quickly recognized. Seek emergency medical help immediately when you see the signs.

For more information, visit RadiologyInfo.org.

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