

Stroke - facts

- Every 40 seconds, someone in the United States has a stroke.
- Every 3 minutes and 11 seconds, someone dies of stroke in this country.
- Occurs when blood flow to part of the brain is cut off or bleeding into the brain.
- 38% of people hospitalized for stroke were less than 65 years old.
- Every year, more than 800,000 people in the United States have a stroke.

Stroke: FAST

- **F**: Face- weakness, numbness
- **A**: Arm- weakness, numbness in one arm
- **S**: Speech- Slurred speech or difficulty speaking
- **T**: Time- is critical
- Ask the person to smile
- Ask person to raise arms
- Ask the person to repeat something that you say
- Call 911 right away