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More Information on Back

Recognition of Stroke Symptoms:
Compare right and left sides of the body

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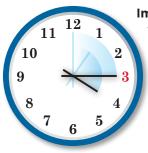


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### Other symptoms that signal a Stroke:

Sudden, severe headache • confusion • numbness or weakness on one side of face, arms or legs • loss of balance or trouble walking • trouble seeing

# IF YOU OBSERVE THESE SIGNS, CALL 911 IMMEDIATELY!



Important: Note the time when the first symptom occurs. A clot busting drug can be given only within the first 3 hours, which may reduce long term disability or damage to the brain.

#### **Stroke Statistics**

Strokes are the **third leading cause of death** in the United States.

People who have had a stroke are at a **43% higher risk** of a second stroke. Please take any sign of a stroke very seriously.



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