Signs of Stroke
Children and Adults

Strokes can be prevented, and getting fast treatment is important to prevent death and disability from stroke.

Call 911 or go to an emergency room if any of these symptoms happen. Use the letters in “F.A.S.T.” to remember stroke signs:

• Face drooping
• Arm weakness
• Slurred speech, unable to speak, or hard to understand
• Time to call 911

Other symptoms that can happen include:

• Numbness or weakness of the face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body
• Confusion
• Trouble seeing in one or both eyes
• Trouble walking, dizziness, or loss of balance or coordination
• Severe headache with no known cause

Symptoms that can happen in a young child include:

• Seizures
• Extreme sleepiness
• Tendency to use only one side of the body
• Vomiting

If you or someone you know shows any of these signs of stroke, call 911 or go to an emergency room immediately, even if the symptoms go away.

To learn more, visit hhs.texas.gov/brain-injury or call 512-706-7191.