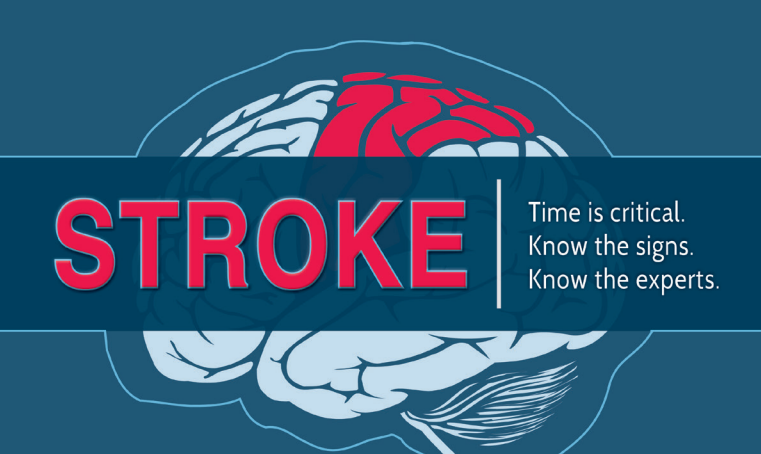


Fast stroke treatment saves lives. For those seeking stroke care, trust OSF HealthCare to provide fast, accurate treatment. Connected to the latest advancements and newest technology, our stroke care team will be there for you during your diagnosis,

treatment and rehabilitation to get you back to what matters most. We understand seconds matter when you are having a stroke. We will be there to make those seconds count.



STROKE

Time is critical.
Know the signs.
Know the experts.



Nationally Recognized for Stroke Care.

For every minute a stroke goes untreated and blood flow to the brain is blocked, you lose millions of brain cells - impacting your speech, movement, memory and quality of life.

At the first sign of stroke, you need expert care quickly to give you the best chance of a full recovery. The [Illinois Neurological Institute at OSF Saint Francis Medical Center](#) is the region's only Comprehensive Stroke Center - offering experience and treatment options not available at other hospitals.

We understand that when it comes to treating stroke, time is critical. Trust us to help get you back to what matters most - your life, your family.

Learn the signs and risk factors at osfstroke.org


STROKE

Time is critical.
Know the signs. Know the experts.

Learn the signs and risk factors >>



STROKE

Learn the signs and risk factors at

osfstroke.org





STROKE

Learn the signs and risk factors.




Landing Page Elements

someone has a **STROKE** every




Know the Facts

Stroke, also known as a brain attack, occurs when there is a sudden interruption of blood supply to the brain. The part of the brain not receiving blood flow is deprived of oxygen and begins to die. On average, someone has a stroke every 40 seconds.

Like a heart attack, a brain attack requires emergency response and treatment. Knowing the risk factors and warning signs for stroke can save your life.

A drug called tissue plasminogen activator (tPA) is given to most stroke patients. tPA dissolves clots allowing blood to flow to the brain. Our stroke teams administer tPA to our patients below the national average time - giving our patients the best chance for a successful recovery.

LEHSA N
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10

10%

arrive at the hospital **QUICK ENOUGH**



Know the Signs

Taking the steps to identify your stroke risk factors and how to improve them can lower your risk for stroke significantly. Less than 10 percent of people suffering a stroke arrive at the hospital quickly enough to receive the best treatment because they were unable to identify their stroke symptoms.

Time is brain with stroke! F.A.S.T is a helpful way to remember the signs.

- F: Face Drooping
- A: Arm Weakness
- S: Speech Difficulty
- T: Time to call 911

S M T W Th F S

we can **TREAT** any type of stroke



Know Your Care Options

Stroke is a medical emergency. You should never ignore stroke symptoms. If you or someone else is having stroke symptoms, you should call 911 immediately even if the stroke symptoms suddenly stop. Stroke requires prompt recognition and emergency care.

OSF HealthCare is committed to providing expert stroke care throughout our Ministry. Our multidisciplinary stroke teams are always prepared to provide fast, effective care the moment you arrive to any of our hospitals giving you the best chance for a successful recovery.

You can also feel confident knowing all of our hospitals are connected to a Comprehensive Stroke Center where we can treat any type of stroke 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

[Learn more about comprehensive stroke centers.](#)

80% 

of strokes are **PREVENTABLE** by knowing risk factors



Know the Risks

Stroke is the number one cause of adult disability and the fifth leading cause of death in the United States. Approximately 80 percent of strokes are preventable by knowing the risk factors, warning signs and what to do when experiencing a stroke.

Stroke doesn't just affect our older population. It can affect anyone at any age. You must be prepared to recognize the signs of a stroke.

If you have any of the following risk factors, you are at a higher risk for stroke.

- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Diabetes
- Smokers
- Atrial fibrillation
- Sedentary lifestyle
- Sleep apnea