

## Are You at Risk?

Strokes can be prevented. You can reduce your risk of having one. Talk to your health care provider about:

- High Blood Pressure, or Hypertension. This raises the risk for stroke more than anything else. Ask how you can lower your blood pressure.
- High Cholesterol. Work with your health care provider to manage and control your cholesterol.
- **Smoking**. Avoid smoking or quit. Work with your health care provider to successfully guit smoking.
- **Obesity.** Eat in a healthy way and get regular physical activity.
- **Diabetes.** Work with your health care provider to manage and control your diabetes.

## "FAST" can help you recall stroke's most common signs and symptoms.

- **F** = **<u>Face</u>**: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of their face droop?
- A = <u>Arm</u>: Can the person raise both arms? Does one arm drift down? Is their arm weak?
- **S** = **<u>Speech</u>: Ask the person to repeat a simple** phrase. Is their speech slurred or confusing?
- **T** = **<u>Time</u>**: Time is critical. Very important: Note the time when stroke symptoms first appear. Call 9-1-1 right away. Anyone who may be having a stroke should let an ambulance drive them to the hospital.

## Do you have any of these symptoms? Does someone near you? Call 9-1-1 now!



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Foods for Halloween can be simple, easy, and fun!

Try cutting bananas with chocolate chip faces or tacos with sour cream/olive eyes. Make yourself a meatloaf shaped like







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