Stroke

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What is a Stroke?

A stroke or "brain attack" happens when a blood vessel that carries oxygen to the brain is either blocked by a clot or bursts and causes bleeding. The part of the brain that has a lack of blood flow begins to die. When this happens, the part of the body it controls is affected. Strokes can cause paralysis, affect language and cause many other problems.

Facts about Stroke

- 795,000 strokes occur annually in the U.S.
- 200,000 strokes are recurrent
- Stroke is the forth leading cause of death
- Stroke is the number one cause of disability
- In 2010 alone, Americans will pay about \$73.7 billion for stroke-related medical costs and disability

Facts about Stroke & Women

- 100,000 women will suffer a stroke this year
- 1/3 of strokes occur in women under 65 years old
- Stroke risk for women doubles every decade after 55
- Half of all African American women will die from stroke or heart disease
- Stroke and heart disease will kill twice as many women than cancer









Are you at risk for a stroke?

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