

# Stroke: Know the facts, save a life

Always B.E. F.A.S.T.

**B** Is the person off-**BALANCE**?

**E** Is there difficulty seeing, especially in one **EYE**?

**F** Is one side of the **FACE** droopy?

**A** Is one **ARM** weaker than the other?

**S** Is **SPEECH** slurred or confused?

**T** It's **TIME** to call 911.

 Time is critical



Someone in the U.S. has a stroke about once every

**40 SECONDS**



A stroke kills someone in the U.S. about once every

**4 MINUTES**

**#5** Stroke is the No. 5 cause of death in the United States



Patients treated within **90 minutes** of a stroke are **2.8 times** more likely to have positive three-month results than those untreated

**2.8x**



**1.9 MILLION**

brain cells are lost every minute of delay in treating a stroke

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