

What is a TIA?

A TIA (transient ischemic attack) is a warning of an impending stroke. It occurs when a blood vessel in the brain is blocked for a brief period of time, causing stroke symptoms that recover quickly, usually within one hour. Symptoms that last longer may be a stroke, even if they resolve.

WHY SEEK EMERGENCY CARE FOR A TIA?

Studies show up to 40% of people with a TIA will go on to have a stroke. Early evaluation and treatment can decrease the risk of stroke in the first two days after a TIA by up to 85%.

WHAT ARE COMMON STROKE AND TIA SYMPTOMS?

BALANCE

Sudden loss of coordination or balance

EYES

Sudden change in vision

FACE

Sudden weakness on one side of the face or facial droop

ARM

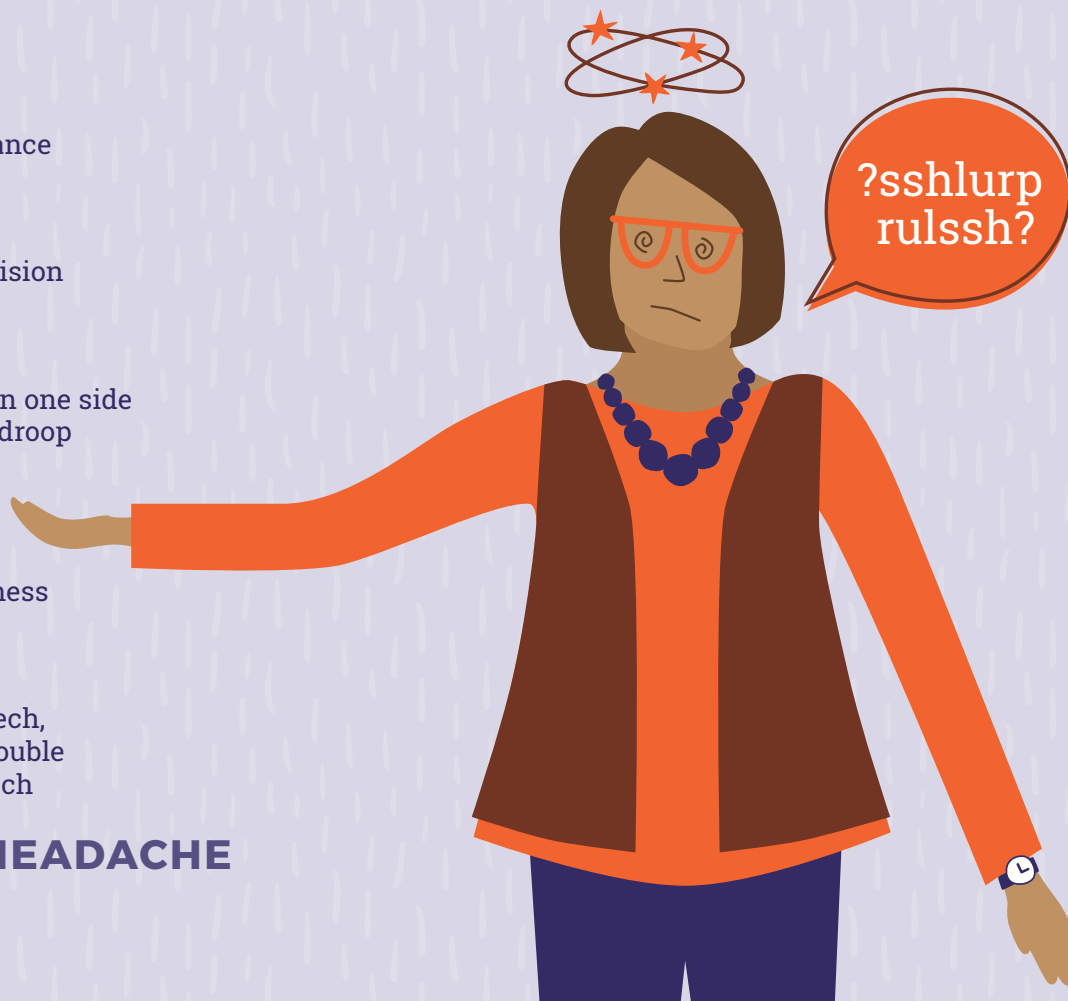
Sudden arm or leg weakness or numbness

SPEECH

Sudden slurred speech, trouble speaking, trouble understanding speech

TERRIBLE HEADACHE

Sudden onset of a terrible headache



WHAT ARE SOME RISK FACTORS FOR STROKE AND TIA?

- High blood pressure
- Diabetes
- High cholesterol
- Heart disease
- Atrial fibrillation
- Carotid stenosis
- Smoking
- Inactivity
- Heavy alcohol use
- Stroke in the family



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TIME TO CALL 9-1-1. Every second counts, and quick evaluation could prevent a stroke.