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SUBJECT: MAY IS AMERICAN STROKE MONTH

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May is American Stroke Month.

Stroke is a leading cause of death and permanent brain injury. In fact, more than half of stroke survivors over 65 will experience reduced mobility. Yet stroke is treatable when quickly recognized. Warning signs include sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg (typically on one side of the body). Other symptoms include trouble seeing, walking or speaking and unexplained sudden, severe headache.

Knowing the signs for stroke and seeking immediate treatment can reduce your risk of permanent brain injury. C-T or magnetic resonance imaging may be used to help determine the type of stroke and course of treatment. Clot-busting drugs, image-guided endocranial vascular treatments or surgery can result in a complete or near-complete recovery.

Remember— Seek immediate emergency medical help when you see the signs. Timely treatment can reduce your risk for death and permanent injury.

For more information, visit *RadiologyInfo.org*.

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