



What you should know about stroke

A stroke can be devastating to patients and their families. Strokes can range from mild to severe and can happen at any age. They can occur in different parts of the brain and may affect different body functions. This brochure will help identify your risk for stroke. It also gives the signs of stroke, tells you how to get care immediately and provides questions to ask after having a stroke.

What is a stroke?

A stroke, or "brain attack," occurs when the blood supply stops fowing to a part of the brain. Brain cells die from the lack of oxygen. Most strokes are caused by a clot that