

# STROKE AWARENESS

A stroke occurs when a blood vessel is either blocked by a clot or bursts. When that happens, brain cells in the immediate area no longer receive the oxygen and nutrients they need, causing them to die.



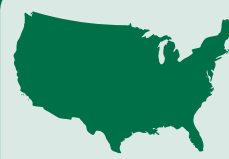
**800,000**  
new strokes  
each year



An American has a stroke **EVERY 40 SECONDS** and someone dies from a stroke **EVERY 4 MINUTES**



Stroke is the **5<sup>TH</sup> LEADING CAUSE** of death in the United States



**STROKE IS THE LEADING CAUSE** of adult disability in the U.S.



**1/4 OF ALL STROKES** each year are recurrent or second-time strokes



**UAB IS THE FIRST HOSPITAL IN ALABAMA DESIGNATED AS A COMPREHENSIVE STROKE CENTER**

## UAB NUMBERS

**1,800** stroke cases per year

**100** unruptured aneurysm cases per year

**11** expert stroke physicians

**OVER 350** nurses trained in stroke care

## WHAT MAKES UAB UNIQUE?

- 24/7 advanced stroke treatment
- The most **BOARD-CERTIFIED VASCULAR NEUROLOGISTS** in Alabama
- One of the largest **NEUROSCIENCES INTENSIVE CARE UNITS** in the U.S.
- Dedicated **STROKE UNIT**
- INPATIENT** Rehabilitation Center

**B**



**BALANCE**

Loss of balance or coordination, dizziness

**E**



**EYES**

Blurry, double, or loss of vision in one eye

**F**



**FACE**

Does one side of the face droop?

**A**



**ARM**

Are they unable to raise both arms & keep them there?

**S**



**SPEECH**

Is speech slurred or speaking difficult?

**T**



**TIME**

Call 911 *immediately* if you see any of these signs!

**B.E.F.A.S.T. TO IDENTIFY A STROKE**

**UAB** MEDICINE