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 5TH 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 NUMBERS

1,100 stroke cases per year
100 unruptured aneurysm cases per year
9 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.E.F.A.S.T. TO IDENTIFY A STROKE

BALANCE
Loss of balance or coordination, dizziness

EYES
Blurry, double, or loss of vision in one eye

FACE
Does one side of the face droop?

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

SPEECH
Is speech slurred or speaking difficult?

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