## **Mayo Clinic Minute**

## **The Facts on Stroke**

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Vivien Williams	When someone's having a stroke, time is brain.
David A. Miller, M.D. Radiology and Neurosurgery Mayo Clinic	"Stroke is a term that we use for a sudden loss of neurologic function."
Vivien Williams	Mayo Clinic's Dr. David Miller says the faster you get treatment, the better your chances are of recovery. The most common type of stroke is called an ischemic stroke.
David Miller, M.D.	"Which is an interruption of blood flow, usually from a clot or other blockage of a vessel to the brain."
	Stroke can cause paralysis and make it impossible to communicate. If you're around someone who suddenly can't speak, has slurred speech, can't use an arm or leg, or suddenly loses vision, call 911.
David Miller, M.D.	"If stroke is recognized immediately and treated within a proper time frame, very often the signs and symptoms can be reversed."
Vivien Williams	Clots can be dissolved with medication or sometimes removed. But treatment is most effective the sooner it's started. So, don't wait. Call 911, because, when it comes to stroke, time is brain. For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I'm Vivien Williams.