Stroke Demographics in the U.S.

More people in the U.S. EXPERIENCE A STROKE than a heart attack.

Each year, stroke kills TWICE AS MANY WOMEN as breast cancer.

Close to 800,000 AMERICANS have a stroke every year.

THE STROKE BELT

The country’s highest death rates from stroke are in the southeastern U.S., known as the Stroke Belt.

The overall deaths from stroke is 20% higher than the U.S. average.

Despite where you live, you can be at risk for stroke.

COMMON RISK FACTORS

Most Americans have at least 1 risk factor:

- HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE
- HIGH CHOLESTEROL
- OVERWEIGHT

RECOGNIZE THE SIGNS USING THE F.A.S.T. TEST:

- FACE: Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?
- ARMS: Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downwards?
- SPEECH: Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence. Are words slurred?
- TIME: If the person shows any of these symptoms, please call 911 or get to the hospital immediately.

GET EMERGENCY HELP IMMEDIATELY
Call 9-1-1. Don’t wait to see if symptoms improve.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, LOG ON TO WWW.STROKECALL911.COM