

Early Intervention is Crucial

- Transient ischemic attack (TIA), or “mini-stroke,” causes the same symptoms as a stroke but lasts only minutes to a few hours.
- TIA occurs within one week before a full-blown stroke in 20 percent of patients.
- Approximately 10 to 15 percent of TIA patients have a stroke within three months; half of this risk (5 to 7.5 percent) is within the first 48 hours.
- Early management and appropriate interventions can lower these risks by 80 percent.

Warning Signs of Stroke or TIA

Sudden onset of any of the following:

- Weakness or numbness in the face, arm or leg — especially on one side of the body
- Confusion or difficulty speaking or understanding language
- Problems with vision in one or both eyes
- Vertigo or problems with coordination or balance

For more information and literature references, visit the “Stroke and Cerebrovascular Disease” page at www.rush.edu.

