STROKE STOPS BLOOD FROM GETTING TO THE BRAIN. IT CAN BE DISASTROUS.

- **GROSS NEWS**
  - Stroke kills twice as many women each year than breast cancer.
  - Strokes in children are increasing at an alarming rate—up 50% among young boys over 12 years.
  - The average stroke patient pays more than $140,000 in lifetime medical bills.
  - Every 40 seconds someone in the U.S. has a stroke—nearly 800,000 in 2012.

**GOOD NEWS**

Up to 80% of strokes can be prevented by controlling risk factors like:

- High blood pressure
- Atrial fibrillation (a type of irregular heartbeat)
- High cholesterol

**Take the fast test to identify common stroke warning signs.**

**When stroke hits, long-term disability can be significantly cut if you get medical care FAST.**

- **F**ace droops on one side.
- **A**rms drift downward when raised.
- **S**peech is slurred.
- **T**ime is critical. Call 9-1-1 immediately.

A severe headache with no known cause is another key warning sign of a stroke. Learn about more sudden signs of stroke @ www.stroke.org