

STROKE AWARENESS

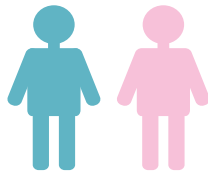
Though they are not common, strokes do happen in children, infants and unborn babies. We hope raising awareness about risk factors, signs and symptoms will lead to early identification and intervention which are key factors that contribute to positive outcomes.

Strokes happen in about

**1 in 4,000
live births**



Since 2003,
Children's Medical Center
has offered a
**comprehensive
Stroke Program**



**Boys and African
American children
are at higher risk
for stroke**

**Strokes are one
of the top 10
causes of death**

in children between the
ages of 1 and 19 years



11 in 100,000

children between birth through age 18
suffer risks of a stroke per year

Strokes are slightly more common in

**children under
the age of 2**

Approximately
**10% of patients
with Sickle Cell Disease
suffer from strokes**

FAST:

An easy way to remember what to look for!

Face - One side of the face gets frozen (so the patient can't smile) or droopy, in which case an eye and the mouth on one side may sag

Arms - The patient can't raise both arms at the same time and keep them up

Speech - Slurred speech

Time - Call 911 immediately if you see any of these symptoms