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# **Triage Acute Stroke**

#### RECOGNIZE the symptoms of stroke, and those that may be easily missed.<sup>1</sup>

• Ask if symptom onset • **Determine** the time the • Look for common was sudden.<sup>2</sup> patient was last known well.<sup>2</sup> symptoms.<sup>3</sup> **B**ALANCE **E** YES Check for vision loss or double vision. **F**ACE Check if one arm or leg is weak. S PEECH TIME Begin triage immediately.

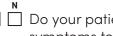
### CHECK any that apply to your patient.

#### Symptoms that may be easily missed.1

<b>Posterior strokes</b> can be m	ooro <b>difficult to idoptify</b> 4	Common symptoms in	
Seizure	Syncope <b>(Fainting)</b>		
Difficulty Walking	Dizziness	Headache	Nausea/Vomiting

- Dysarthria (Difficulty speaking)
- Dystaxia (Lack of coordination)

REV	EW all stroke symptoms
	sess for disability.



Do your patients consider any of their symptoms to be disabling?

 $\Box$  Are they ambulatory?

□ □ Can they hold or understand a conversation?

**RESPOND QUICKLY if a** stroke is expected.

Dysphagia (Difficulty swallowing)

Diplopia (Double vision)

Make sure to activate a stroke code by calling:

MercyOne Connect 515-643-2071

\*BE FAST was developed by Intermountain Healthcare, as an adaptation of the FAST Model implemented by the American Stroke Association.

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