

Stroke Symptom Test

To test if someone is experiencing stroke symptoms, try these simple tests. Print this text and keep it in a prominent place so you can use it in case of emergency.

- F-(face)** FACIAL DROOP: Have patient smile or show teeth (look for asymmetry).
Normal: Both sides of the face move equally or not at all.
Abnormal: One side of the patient's face droops.
- A-(arm)** MOTOR WEAKNESS: Arm drift (close eyes, extend arms, palms up).
Normal: Remain extended equally, or drifts equally or does not move at all.
Abnormal: One arm drifts down when compared with the other.
- S-(speech)** "You can't teach an old dog new tricks" (repeat phrase).
Normal: Phrase is repeated clearly and correctly.
Abnormal: Words are slurred (dysarthria) or abnormal (aphasia) or none.
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