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Defend yourself against stroke

- Work with your physician to lower high blood pressure and cholesterol.
- Find out whether you have atrial fibrillation. Ask your physician.
- If you smoke, STOP. Help is available.
- If you consume alcoholic drinks, do so only in moderation.
- If you're diabetic, follow your physician's recommendations carefully to control your blood sugar.
- Include exercise you enjoy in your daily routine.
- Follow a lower-sodium (salt), lower-fat diet.

When it comes to stroke, BE FAST and call 911. Any of these sudden signs could mean a stroke.

В	Balance	Loss of balance, loss of coordination or severe dizziness
<i>∲</i> Ø E	Eyes	Change in vision in one or both eyes
F	Face	Uneven or drooping smile, numbness of face
Â	Arm/Leg	Weakness/numbness/paralysis especially on one side of the body
💬 s	Speech	Slurred speech, difficulty talking or understanding
т	Time	Call 911 right away

Your Parkview Stroke Risk Scorecard*

Check the box on each horizontal line that applies to you. Total your score at the bottom of each column. Each box equals 1 point. Compare with the stroke risk key at right.

*Information from the National Stroke Association™

Risk Scorecard Key (Results)

3 or more points in the High Risk column? Ask your physician about stroke prevention right away!

4 to 6 points in the Caution column? Good start; keep reducing your risk.

6 to 8 points in the Low Risk column? Great! You're controlling your stroke risk.

Risk Factor	High Risk	Caution	Low Risk
Blood pressure	■ >140/90 or unknown	120-139/80-89	<120/80
Atrial fibrillation	Irregular heartbeat	🔲 l don't know	Regular heartbeat
Smoking	Smoker	Trying to quit	Nonsmoker
Cholesterol	► >240 or unknown	200-239	■ <200
Diabetes	Yes	Borderline	■ No
Exercise	Couch potato	Some exercise	Regular exercise
Diet	Overweight	Slightly overweight	Healthy weight
Family stroke history	Yes	Not sure	No
Totals			