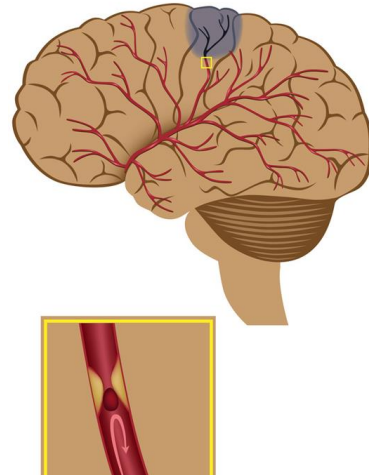


What is a Stroke?

A stroke happens when blood is unable to get to a part of the brain. The lack of blood flow causes damage to the brain cells.

Ischemic Stroke

An ischemic stroke is caused by a blood clot or blockage of the blood vessel (e.g. plaque on the inside of the artery). The symptoms of an ischemic stroke vary depending on which parts of the brain are not getting blood.



Transient Ischemic Stroke (TIA or mini-stroke)

A TIA is caused by a small clot in the artery. The clot is quickly broken up and the blood is restored to the brain. Once the blood flow is returned the symptoms go away. The symptoms are the same as those for an ischemic stroke. A TIA may be a warning sign of a future stroke.

Hemorrhagic Stroke

A hemorrhagic stroke is caused by the rupture of a blood vessel. Areas of the brain beyond the rupture do not get blood flow. The symptoms of a hemorrhagic stroke vary depending on which part of the brain is not getting blood flow.

