

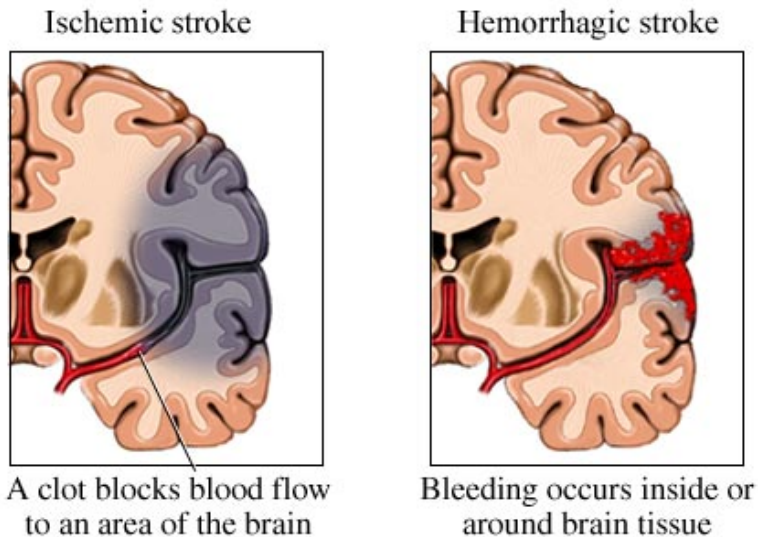
What is Stroke?

A stroke, also known as a ‘brain attack’, occurs when there is inadequate blood flow to an area of the brain. The decrease in blood flow or the cessation of blood flow causes brain cells to not receive the necessary oxygen and nutrients they need, causing the cells to die.

There are 2 types of major strokes: **Ischemic and Hemorrhagic**

The more common type is an **ischemic stroke**, which is approximately 80% of strokes. This is caused by a blood clot that blocks a blood vessel or artery in the brain.

The less common type of stroke is a **hemorrhagic stroke**, which accounts for 20% of strokes. This is caused by a blood vessel in the brain that breaks and bleeds out into the brain.



A **Transient Ischemic Attack**, known as **TIA** is often called a ‘mini-stroke’. This is a temporary disturbance in the blood supply in the brain. Symptoms last less than 24 hours. It is important to receive **IMMEDIATE MEDICAL TREATMENT** for a TIA in order to reduce the risk for a future stroke or TIA.