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saving lives
Stroke mortality rates have fallen (down 39.4% from 1999 to 2016).

clot-busting
The percentage of eligible patients receiving the clot-busting drug within 60 minutes has nearly doubled.

spotting strokes
Awareness of the F.A.S.T. acronym for spotting stroke and calling 9-1-1 almost doubled since 2012.1

guidelines
Our 9 major stroke guideline releases provide the latest evidence-based treatment recommendations to health professionals.

hospitals
Our Get With The Guidelines®-Stroke program, launched in 2003 with 24 hospitals, is helping 2,000+ hospitals promote guidelines-based care.

access
The number of hospitals providing surgical clot removal doubled from 2003 to 2012.2

awareness
Together To End Stroke® public service and media messages have amassed 12 billion+ impressions since 2013.

high blood pressure
High blood pressure awareness, treatment and control rates all rose between 1999 and 2012.

research
We’ve granted nearly 2,400 stroke-related research awards (worth a total of $366.4 million) since 1998.


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