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### Our onsite neurological services include:

- Neurological Intensive Care Unit
- Neurosurgery
- Computed Tomography Angiography (CTA)
- Computed Tomography (CT)
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)
- Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA)
- Laboratory Services 24/7

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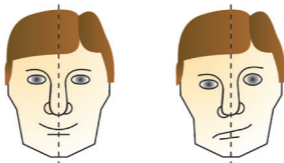
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# Stroke Scale

## 3 Warning Signs of a Stroke

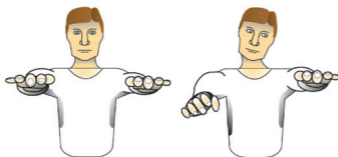
**FACIAL DROOP** (have patient show teeth or smile):

- **Normal** – both sides of face move equally
- **Abnormal** – one side of face does not move as well as other side



**ARM DRIFT** (patient closes eyes and holds both arms straight out for 10 seconds):

- **Normal** – both arms move the same or both arms do not move at all (other findings, such as pronator grip, may be helpful)
- **Abnormal** – one arm does not move or one arm drifts down compared with the other



**ABNORMAL SPEECH** (have the patient say “you can’t teach an old dog new tricks”):

- **Normal** – patient uses correct words with no slurring
- **Abnormal** – patient slurs words, uses the wrong words, or is unable to speak



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**Interpretation:**  
 If any 1 of these 3 signs  
 is abnormal, the probability  
 of a stroke is 72%.

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