

## **Emergency Treatment of a Stroke**

It's crucial to get medical attention for a stroke as quickly as possible. But as important as when a stroke is identified, how it's treated is just as pivotal to minimizing potential damage.

## **Hemorrhagic Stroke Treatment**

Emergency treatment for a hemorrhagic stroke focuses on controlling the bleeding and reducing pressure in the brain caused by the excess fluid. This is done with:

- Emergency Medication Emergency drugs are given to lower the pressure in the brain, lower blood pressure, prevent spasms of the blood vessels and prevent seizures.
- Stereotactic Radiosurgery A minimally invasive advanced treatment that uses multiple beams of highly focused radiation to repair blood vessel malformations.
- Surgery For a significant bleed, doctors may need to perform surgery to remove blood, relieve pressure on the brain and/or repair any blood vessels.
- Surgical Clipping A surgeon
  places a tiny clamp at the base of the
  aneurysm, which can keep the aneurysm
  from bursting or bleeding again.

## **Ischemic Stroke Treatment**

To treat an ischemic stroke, doctors focus on restoring blood flow to the brain quickly. This is done with:

- Emergency Endovascular Procedures –
   Doctors can perform an emergency
   procedure that treats the stroke directly
   inside the blocked blood vessel either
   directly to the brain or by removing the
   clot with a stent retriever.
- Emergency IV Medication Drugs administered through an IV that can break up a clot. These can only be given within 4.5 hours from when symptoms first started.

After these methods help successfully treat a stroke, patients can start their journey toward recovery.

For more information on strokes and how CorsoCare can support you and your loved one, call us at 248-438-8535.

