Use the Letters in "F.A.S.T." to Spot Stroke Signs



F – **FACE:** Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven or lopsided?



A – **ARM:** Is one arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?



S – **SPEECH:** Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence.



T – **TIME**: Time to Call 9-1-1. If the person shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get them to the hospital immediately.

Additional Symptoms of Stroke:

- Sudden NUMBNESS or weakness of face, arm, or leg, especially on one side of the body
- Sudden CONFUSION, trouble speaking or understanding speech
- Sudden TROUBLE SEEING in one or both eyes
- Sudden TROUBLE WALKING, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination
- Sudden SEVERE HEADACHE with no known cause
 Receiving timely stroke treatment is an important step to
 recovery.

 SOURCE: American Stroke Association

Sun Protection: Prevention Guidelines



The Skin Cancer Foundation recommends using a sunscreen with an SPF 15 or higher as one important part of a complete sun protection regimen.

Sunscreen alone is not enough.

- Seek the shade, especially between 10 AM and 4 PM.
- Don't get sunburned.
- Avoid tanning and never use UV tanning beds.
- Cover up with clothing, including a broad-brimmed hat and UV-blocking sunglasses.
- Use a broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher every day. For extended outdoor activity, use a water-resistant, broad spectrum (UVA/UVB) sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or higher.
- Apply 1 ounce (2 tablespoons) of sunscreen to your entire body 30 minutes before going outside. Reapply every two hours or after swimming or excessive sweating.
- Keep newborns out of the sun. Sunscreens should be used on babies over the age of six months.
- Examine your skin head-to-toe every month.
- See a dermatologist at least once a year for a professional skin exam.
 SOURCE: Skin Cancer Foundation

Shared Decision Making

Low Back Pain - "Should I Have MRI?"

Discuss this important shared decision making option with your doctor during your visit.

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Of all the gifts that life has to offer,

A loving mother is the greatest of them all.

Happy Mother's Day Sunday, May 12



Asthma is a disease that affects your lungs. Asthma causes wheezing, breathlessness, chest tightness, and coughing at night or early in the morning. If you have asthma, you have it all the time, but you will have

asthma attacks only when something bothers your lungs.

An **asthma attack** may include coughing, chest tightness, wheezing, and trouble breathing. The attack happens in your body's airways, which are the paths that carry air to your lungs. During an asthma attack, the sides of the airways in your lungs swell and the airways shrink. Less air gets in and out of your lungs, and mucous that your body makes clogs up the airways.

You can **control your asthma** by knowing the warning signs of an asthma attack, staying away from things that cause an attack, and following your doctor's advice.

SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Second-Hand Smoke Kills



Second-hand smoke is the smoke that fills restaurants, offices or other enclosed spaces when people burn tobacco products such as cigarettes and water-pipes. There are more than 4,000 chemicals in tobacco smoke, of which at least 250 are known to be harmful and more than 50 are known to cause cancer.

There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand tobacco smoke. In adults, second-hand smoke causes serious cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, including coronary heart disease and lung cancer. In infants, it causes sudden death. In pregnant women, it causes low birth weight. Almost half of children regularly breathe air polluted by tobacco smoke in public places. Second-hand smoke causes more than 890,000 premature deaths per year.

Every person should be able to breathe tobacco-smoke-free air. Smoke-free laws protect the health of non-smokers, are popular, do not harm business and encourage smokers to quit.

SOURCE: World Health Organization

⊗ Reminders for Your Office Visit **⊗**

- □ Bring your prescription bottles or list of medication to your visit.
 □ Do you need medication refills? Tell us at your office visit.
- □ Did you let us know if you have **any change(s) in your personal information** such as address, phone number and insurance?
- Do you need a Referral for a Specialist or do you need further testing outside of our office? You may need to call your insurance plan to verify your coverage.
- ☐ Did you check if your plan **covers Well care or a Physical**?
- ☐ Are you up-to-date on your screenings for **Mammogram** and **Colonoscopy? Are you due for one?** Ask your MD.
- ☐ Are you being referred by your PCP to get any radiology test(s)? If so, please let us know in case you need a Pre-certification.
- ☐ Is your **Immunization record** up to date? Please update us.
- ☐ Are you **Pre-Diabetic**? Have you discussed this with your MD?
- □ Did you get a **Summary of your Visit** today? If not, please ask for it before leaving.
- Do you need to make a Follow-up appointment? Please stop at Check-out and make an appointment before you leave.

The information provided here is for general informational purposes only and is not intended to be nor should be construed as medical or other advice.

Support Groups @ Englewood Hospital

Englewood Hospital Events Calendar

Please check Englewood Hospital's Calendar of Events link for upcoming events at https://www.englewoodhealth.org/calendar-events-classes

Bariatric/Weight Loss Surgery Support Group

A free program for patients who have experienced the surgical solution to weight loss. If you are considering surgery, you are also welcome to join the group. The support group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 6pm.

Bereavement Support Group

VNA of Englewood: Bereavement Support Group runs on Thursdays from 12pm – 1:30 pm at Englewood Hospital. Please check with the hospital main desk for the location on each Thursday. For additional information, please call Erica DiFrancisco at 201-894-333, group facilitator.

Cancer Support:

Breast Cancer Support Group

Relax your mind as you connect with other women living with breast cancer. Open to all women experiencing any stage of breast cancer. First timers should call Cathy Verhulst at 201-608-2162 prior to attending. The support group meets the first and third Friday of every month at 10:30 am.

Oral, Head and Neck Cancer Support Group

SPOHNC (Support for People with Oral, Head and Neck Cancer), a patient directed, self-help organization founded in 1991 by an oral cancer survivor. It is non-profit organization dedicated to meeting the emotional, physical and humanistic needs of oral head and neck cancer patients and their care givers. Bergen County Chapter meets from 7pm – 8:30pm at Englewood Hospital on the fourth Wednesday of the month in conference room "A". For inquiries, please contact Patrick Taaffee at 201-931-6394.

Cardiac - Visiting Hearts: A Support Program for Cardiac Patients

New patients are informed of the "Visiting Hearts" program prior to their day of Pre-Admission Testing. For more information, please call Robyn Giaccone at 201-894-3950.

Diabetes Education

A free program is open to individuals and their families. This group allows participants to share their experiences, learn from others and discuss how they live with diabetes. Guest speakers are often featured. This group meets on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 7pm – 8:30pm. (No meetings in July and August). An Insulin Pump Support Group is held quarterly for those using an insulin pump, those interested in pump therapy, and those using multiple daily injections. To schedule an appointment or for additional information, please call 201-894-3335.

Support Groups @ Englewood Hospital

Families Anonymous

Families Anonymous is a group of concerned relatives and friends whose lives have been adversely affected by a loved one's addiction to alcohol, drugs or related behavioral problems. All who have experienced the effects of a loved one's addiction are welcome.

The group meets at Englewood Hospital every Friday at 7:30pm. Call 917-836-3672 or email gerilam@msn.com for more information.

Neuropathy Support Group

This group meets on the third Thursday of March, April, May September, October and November at 7pm. Call Rich Booz at 201-587-1250, Mary Robertson at 973-226-1535, Tom McCullum at 201-692-9313 or Dean Lewis at 631-223-8416 for additional information.

Post Partum Services / Wellness Wednesdays

You and your newborn child are invited to attend our group, focused on adjustment to motherhood, coping with stress, and adapting to new family dynamics. A licensed clinical social worker facilitates the sessions, which provide comfort, emotional support, information, and referrals to resources for new moms who are adjusting to parenthood. The group meets every Wednesday at 1pm. Registration is required. Call 201-894-3092.

Support Groups @ Holy Name Medical Center

Free Support Groups meet monthly. To register call 1-877-465-9626, unless otherwise noted.

Bariatric Support Group

Support Group for Lap-band or Gastric Bypass patients

Location: Conference Room "1", Marian Hall Holy Name Medical Center. For additional information, please call 201-833-3336

Bereavement Support

Call 201-833-3000 ext 7580 for more information.

Breast Cancer Support and Discussion Group

The Breast Cancer Support and Discussion Group is a vehicle for information, encouragement and support that is facilitated by two clinical psychologists. The support group meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at 5:30pm – 6:30pm.

Call 201-227-6008 for additional information. Registration is encouraged, but not required. Walk-ins are welcome.

Support Groups @ Holy Name Medical Center

Cancer Support Group

The Cancer Support Group provides an opportunity to meet with people who understand how you feel and what you are going through in a way that others cannot. The support group meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 4:00pm – 5:00pm. The meetings take place in the Marian Hall Conference Center, Holy Name Medical Center. For additional information, please call 201-227-6008.

Men Living with Cancer Support Group

The Men Living with Cancer Support Group is open to men with the diagnosis of cancer at any time during treatment or post-therapy. For additional information, please call 201-833-3392.

Support for Korean Cancer Patients

The Support group meets at Medical Affairs Conference Room, Holy Name Medical Center on the first Friday of every month at 10am – 12pm. For additional information, please call Hei Young Yoon at 201-833-3332.

Pregnancy and Newborn Loss Support Group

The support group meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 8:00pm. For additional information, please call 201-724-4093.

Blood Drive at Holy Name Medical Center

You can sign up for the blood drives online: http://holyname.org/BloodDrive/

Local Support Group - Miscellaneous

Dental Care at Southeast for Independent Living (SESCIL)

The Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living has fully equipped dental facility with a certified licensed dentist, a dental coordinator, and two dental hygienists, excellent equipment and a clean environment. Call the Center for an appointment. There is an annual membership fee which entitles the member not only to receive dental care at cost but includes participation in all other class offerings. The Center, 228 Grand Avenue, Englewood, is handicapped accessible with ample parking. For more information, call 201-569-4080 or visit www.SESCIL.org

Local Support Group - Miscellaneous

Library Offers Continuing Education Courses Online

Teaneck Public Library is offering Universal Class, an online resource of more than 500 continuing education courses, to all Teaneck Public card holders. A wide range of subjects are offered including art, photography, office skills, test preparation, career training, as well as home schooling, self-help and science. Courses are accessible online 24/7 with real instructors, assignments and grades.

Up to five courses may be taken at a time. Participants who successfully complete a course will be issued a "Certified of Course" Completion. To access the program, go to the library's website at www.teaneck.org and click on "universal class" button on the right side.

For more information, call the Reference Department 201-837-4171.

The Township of Teaneck Provides Free Transportation for Residents who are 65 or older and/or Disabled

This service is for medical appointments, food shopping and small errands (with Teaneck, Hackensack, Englewood, and fringes of Bogota, Bergenfield and River Edge). Call 201-837-7130 ext 7040 for more information.

Jewish Family Services at 201-837-9090 provides the following services:

- Kosher Meals on Wheels (at home delivery of meals)
- Care Management, support and advocacy
- Friendly Visitor, Adopt a Bubbe and Telephone Reassurance Volunteer programs
- Joy Lunch Club
- Elder Care Workshop Series

The Teaneck Fire Department offers all Teaneck Residents the Free Service of a "Good Morning" Wake-up Call

This service is particularly appropriate for those facing significant illness, frailty/balance issues, and/or are shut-ins.

Call Lt. David Barrett or Lt. Richard Burchell at 201-837-2085 to activate this service. Calls can be pre-empted by the recipient at any time for convenience.

The Gallen Adult Day Care Center at the Jewish Home at Rockleigh will hold a

Caregiver support group every first Wednesday of the month, 10am – 11:30 am at 10 Link Drive, Rockleigh, NJ – Social Hall 1. FREE. For additional information, please call Social Worker Shelley at 201-784-1414 ext. 5340. Share concerns in an informative group discussion and learn about available resources for you and your loved one.

Local Support Group - Miscellaneous

Treatment Services

Seabrook House – Helping Families Find the Courage to Recover

Seabrook House is multi-level premier inpatient and outpatient facility, internationally recognized, and accredited by CARF (Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Services), alcohol and drug rehabilitation center. Each facility offers every level of inpatient and outpatient care from partial through one-on-one counseling.

They offer the following services: Withdrawal Management (Detoxification), Residential Treatment, Partial Hospitalization, and Intensive Outpatient. They also offer Extended Care Programs: Seabrook House West, Changes for Women/Young Adult Program, Recovery Enhancement Program. They offer "The Family Matrix Program", a three-day, structured experience designed to help families begin to heal and strengthen the bonds strained by addiction. They provide Holistic Approaches to Treatment such as Equin Therapy, Music Therapy, Yoga, Acupuncture, and many more. Please call for details. Seabrook House accepts many health insurance programs. Treatment is covered by most insurances. For more information, visit www.Seabrookhouse.org or call 800-761-7575 ext. 1515



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Maywood

Adler Aphasia Center, a non-profit organization with two full service facilities based in Maywood and West Orange, NJ and eleven Aphasia Communication Groups located throughout the state, is an innovative post-rehabilitative therapeutic program that addresses the long-term needs of people with aphasia and their families. *Aphasia is a communication disorder that impairs the expression and understanding of spoken language, reading and writing. It occurs most often from a stroke or other brain injury. It affects a person's ability to communicate, but not his or her intellect. This communication disorder affects 40% of all stroke/brain trauma survivors. The Center is considered the world leader in long-term, post-rehab community-based care for people with aphasia. With 2.5 million people diagnosed with aphasia in the U.S., the Center is the only one of its kind in NJ, an area with an estimated 70,000 people living with aphasia. For more information about the Center's programs and services in Maywood or West Orange, NJ, or for information about the Center's Aphasia Communication Groups in Belvidere, Bridgewater, Haddonfield, Hammonton, Maywood, Monroe, Morristown, North Bergen, Scotch Plains and two groups in Toms River, NJ, visit their website at www.adleraphasiacenter.org or call 201.368.8585.*

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About Adler Aphasia Center

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Healthy Recipe

The first special woman in almost everyone's life is their mother, so this **Mother's Day – Sunday, May 12**, show how much you appreciate all she has done for you. The most important thing you can do is to treat her with the kindness and courtesy she deserves. Also, try to come up with a specific treat that shows how much you care about her. One idea is to prepare a healthy breakfast to start her day, using the recipe below.

Breakfast Quinoa with Walnut Cream and Blueberries

Ingredients:

Walnut Cream Ingredients:

1 cup walnuts

1 cup water

1 teaspoon lemon juice (freshly-squeezed)

1 tablespoon maple syrup

1/2 teaspoon sea salt

Quinoa Ingredients:

1 cup uncooked quinoa

2 cups water

1/4 teaspoon sea salt

2 tablespoons freshly-squeezed orange juice

1 tablespoon maple syrup

1 teaspoon cinnamon (ground)

1/2 teaspoon ground ginger

1/8 teaspoon **nutmeg** (ground, or, freshly grated)

1 1/2-2 cups blueberries (fresh)

3/4 cup **walnuts** (toasted, coarsely chopped)



Directions:

- 1. To prepare the walnut cream, put the walnuts in a bowl, add water to cover and let stand overnight. The next day, drain the walnuts well and spread on a baking pan. Toast in a preheated 350° F oven for 8–10 minutes, then cool completely.
- 2. Put the walnuts, 1 cup water, the lemon juice, maple syrup and salt in a blender. Blend on high until creamy and smooth, about 1–2 minutes. Transfer the cream to a bowl or jar. (A food processor may also be used to make walnut cream, though it will not be quite as smooth.)
- 3. To prepare the quinoa, rinse it in a strainer and drain it well. In a medium-sized saucepan bring the quinoa, water and salt to a boil over high heat. Turn the heat to low, then cover and simmer until the water is absorbed, about 15 minutes. Set aside off heat to cool for a few minutes; then fluff the quinoa up with a fork.
- 4. When you are ready to serve, stir the 1/2 cup of prepared walnut cream, the orange juice, maple syrup, cinnamon, ginger and nutmeg into the cooked quinoa. Serve the quinoa in bowls, and top each serving with a dollop of the remaining walnut cream, a small handful of blueberries and a sprinkling of toasted walnuts.
- 5. Serve the quinoa warm, cold or at room temperature, and when fresh blueberries are not in season, substitute frozen or dried berries, or dried cranberries or cherries. Note that the walnut cream needs to be started the day before you use it.