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Study: Patients still not getting clot-busting drug

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Despite nearly a decade of research, public education efforts and evolving professional guidelines for treatment, people suffering from strokes still seldom make it to the hospital in time to get a drug that can reduce the odds of long-term disability.

If doctors can determine that a stroke is caused by a blocked blood vessel, a drug called recombinant tissue plasminogen activator, or tPA, can usually dissolve the clot if administered within three hours of the onset of symptoms.

But a study, published today in the journal *Neurology*, found that, over a six-month period at 15 Michigan hospitals, only 2 percent of more than 2,000 patients who had strokes involving blood clots received the clot-busting treatment.

"People need to learn the warning signs of stroke and call 911 immediately if they think someone might be having a stroke," said Matthew Reeves, a researcher at Michigan State University in East Lansing and lead author of the report. "A stroke is an emergency, and we have treatments that can help."

Of those who did not receive the treatment, 41 percent arrived at the hospital more than three hours after the first symptoms started. And for another 38 percent, no information was available to doctors about when symptoms began.

"It's very important to be able to tell the medical staff when the symptoms started," Reeves said.

Several factors increased the odds that tPA would be given. Those who arrived at the hospital by ambulance were seven times more likely to get the drug than those who arrived on their own.

"People who arrive by ambulance are seen and evaluated more quickly in the emergency department," Reeves said.

This is due to several factors,

WARNING SIGNS

- Sudden numbness or weakness in the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body.
- Sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding.
- Sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes.
- Sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination.
- Sudden severe headache with no known cause.

he added:

"EMS transport allows the emergency department to be notified that an acute stroke case is coming in. The paramedics are also able to do some simple, but important, background steps in the ambulance, such as completing a rapid neurological exam, putting in an IV line and drawing blood. These steps allow the hospital to then 'fast track' the patient, increasing the chance of meeting the three-hour deadline for tPA treatment."

Women were 60 percent less likely to receive tPA than men, reflecting a general trend toward under-treatment of stroke and heart attack in women. Older women are also more likely than older men to live alone, and thus less likely to have someone around to intervene quickly when they have a stroke.

The study noted that the sooner a patient arrives at a hospital, the more likely he or she was to get the drug. Those who arrived in the second hour after symptoms were half as likely to be treated as those who arrived in the first hour; and those who came in during the third hour of symptoms were 33 times less likely to get the drug than arriving in the first hour.

Of those who made it to the hospital within three hours and still did not get the drug, the two main reasons given by doctors was that the patient's condition had already improved significantly or that the stroke was considered too mild to warrant the treatment.

gone away before the doctor's examination, a police report said.

A first-degree burn is similar to sunburn, and symptoms include redness and swelling.

Reed and the baby's mother, Stacie Saltgaver, told police they would tap the baby's chest or thigh to make her cry before forcing formula down her throat. The infant had been hospitalized for not gaining weight and had been in the doctor's office a week before the incident for a checkup, the report said.

Reed's sentencing hearing is tentatively scheduled for March 9.

The church's membership has grown steadily, currently averaging about 2,200 people each week, she said.

Becoming more relevant means that churches are focusing less on names and specific denominational ties and looking at names that can tie multiple backgrounds together, church leaders said.

Churchgoers at Sanctuary Community Church in Greenwood often refer to the church by just the first name, associate pastor Gary Hubbard said.

The congregation, which has an average Sunday attendance of 250, is made up of Wesleyans, Nazarenes, Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists, he said.

"We try to be accommodating and don't want to plant a stake in one particular denomination," Hubbard said. "We started as a community church and embrace the evangelical Christian doctrine without any particular denominational ties."

INDIANAPOLIS

Martha O. (Aaron) Harter

Martha O. (Aaron) Harter, 80, Indianapolis, passed on to be with our Lord on Monday, Feb. 13, 2006.

She had retired from the post office.

She was the daughter of Willie and Minnie Aaron of Albany, Ky.,

born Feb. 24, 1925. She was preceded in death by three brothers, Lilburn Aaron, Cecil Aaron and J.D. Aaron; a son, William Harter; and two grandchildren, Amanda Lewis and William Sloan. She is survived by a son, Duane (Danea) Harter; two daughters, Kim (Ray) Jump and Sandra (Kenneth) Noland; four grandchildren, Chris Lewis, Paul (Suzy) Lewis, Jaymes Harter and Stephen Harter; a brother, Billy (Ann) Aaron; a sister, Nell (Ed) Bush; a sister-in-law, Joyce Aaron; three great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

She will be missed by all she touched and who loved her.

Visitation will be from 1 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Flanner & Buchanan Funeral Center, Washington Park East, 10722 E. Washington St. in Indianapolis. Graveside services will be private. Burial will take place in Glencove Cemetery in Knightstown.

Information: www.flannerbuchanan.com

FRANKLIN

H. Ruth Hill

H. Ruth Hill, 91, died at 2:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin.

She was born Helen Ruth Gilstrap on Oct. 4, 1914, to William and LouAnn Gilstrap. She married Arthur B. Hill of Bedford in 1936, and he preceded her in death in 1986.

Ruth Hill lived in Indianapolis for a number of years and worked at several businesses, including Bakers Shoe Store and Kiefer Stewart Wholesale Drugs, and retired from Indiana National Bank after 23 years of service.

She was a member of Fairfax Christian Church in Indianapolis before transferring her membership to Franklin Memorial Christian Church.

A member of the Order of the Eastern Star Corinthian Chapter No. 456, Ruth Hill had lived at the Indiana Masonic Home since 1984.

She is survived by one brother, George Gilstrap of Bedford; three sisters, Florence Richardson of Greensburg, Catherine Kirby of Salem and Wilma Collier of Danville; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by five brothers and three sisters, Ernest Gilstrap, Ivis Gilstrap, Irvin Gilstrap, Howard Gilstrap, Maurice "Bill" Gilstrap, Dorothy Allen, Belva Johnson and Vivian Carty.

A memorial service will be at 1 p.m. today in the Kresge Chapel of the Indiana Masonic Home. Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until service time today at the chapel. Visitation in Bedford will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Ferguson-Lee Funeral Home, 818 18th St. A funeral service will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Green Hill Cemetery in Bedford. The Rev. Cleon Wright, chaplain of the Indiana Masonic Home, and the Rev. Larry McAdams of Franklin Memorial Christian Church will officiate.

BARGERSVILLE

Gladys Mae Neal

Gladys Mae Neal, 70, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at Morgan Hospital and Medical Center in Martinsville. She was a resident of Bargsville.

Survivors include her husband, John R. Neal of Bargsville; six daughters, Debra Reed of Greenwood, Sonja Robinette, Rob-

Bargsville
Gladys Mae Neal, 70
Franklin
H. Ruth Hill, 91
Lewis A. Oliphant, 77
Indianapolis
Martha O. Harter, 80
James Thomas Russell, 70
Elsewhere
Alice Elizabeth Selch, 94

erta Aldridge and Pamela Seyfried, all of Martinsville, Diana Robinson of Bargsville and Delores Rose of Indianapolis; 16 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Shelby E. and Lela Roe (Neal) Brown; and a son, Michael Kevin McWhorter.

The Rev. James Blankenship will conduct a funeral service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Neal and Summers Mortuary, 110 E. Poston Road in Martinsville. Friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Burns City Cemetery in Burns City.

FRANKLIN

Lewis A. Oliphant

Lewis A. Oliphant, 77, died Sunday, Feb. 12, 2006, at the home of his granddaughter in Franklin. He was a resident of Franklin and a former resident of Greensburg.

Survivors include a daughter, Peggy (Ray) Bostic of Greenwood; three sons, Ronald and Donald Oliphant of Florida and Lewis Leffler of Greenwood; three sisters, Judy Moore of Indianapolis, Cynthia Tuttle of Grand Haven, Mich., and Jennifer Baker of Bernstadt, Ky.; 21 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Priscilla "Pat" (Eades) Oliphant; his parents, Chester A. and Katherine A. (Ham) Oliphant; and a daughter, Judi Hill.

The Rev. Lee Creech will conduct a funeral service at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Gilliland-Howe Funeral Home, 110 E. North St. in Greensburg. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. today at the funeral home. Burial will be at Hebron Cemetery in Adams, with military graveside rites conducted by the U.S. Army and assisted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 9135 N. Meridian St., Suite B4, Indianapolis, IN 46260-1878; or through the funeral home to the hospice of Johnson County.

INDIANAPOLIS

James Thomas Russell

James Thomas Russell, 70, died Saturday, Feb. 11, 2006, at St. Francis Hospital Indianapolis. He was a resident of Indianapolis.

Survivors include his wife, Madeleine (Kidd) Russell; two sons, James J. (Gwen) Russell of Boggstown and Peter T. (Anita) Russell of Greenwood; two daughters, Mary L. (Steve) Smith and Kathryn (Matt) Lang, both of Indianapolis; and eight grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sylvester and Wenifred (Peron) Russell.

A funeral service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday at Forest Lawn Funeral Home, 1977 S. State Road 135 in Greenwood. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens in Greenwood.

Memorial contributions may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation, 6325 Digital Way, Suite 150, Indianapolis, IN 46278; or American Heart Association Greater Midwest Affiliate, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674.

Information: 535-9003

MARTINSVILLE

Alice Elizabeth Selch

Alice Elizabeth Selch, 94, died Monday, Feb. 13, 2006, at the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin. She was a resident of Martinsville.

Survivors include a son, Jerry Dart of Eminence; three daughters, Carolyn Fowler of Snyder, Texas, Sharon Lasiter of Whiteland and Bonnie Schwartz of Fortville; two brothers, Floyd

Walters of Trafalgar and Nolan Walters of Indianapolis; three sisters, Clarene Miller of Bargsville, Ruby Shirley of Beech Grove and Doris Whitaker of Indianapolis; and several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Clarence Leonard and Olive Belle (Weddle) Walters; her husband, Reuben Kenneth Selch; and a son, Wayne Dart.

A graveside service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Nebo Memorial Park Cemetery in Martinsville. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at Neal and Summers Mortuary, 110 E. Poston Road in Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Christian Church, 89 S. Main St., Martinsville, IN 46151.

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A free death notice contains basic information, including details about visitation and services, memorial contributions and some survivors.

Families who want to include more information or include a photograph can purchase a custom obituary. Additional information may include memberships, employment, education and additional survivors.

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• Infant

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report a sick child at his apartment.

Reed told police that his daughter started having a seizure while he was bathing her.

Paramedics found the baby's skin bright red with first-degree burns covering 80 percent of her body when they arrived at the apartment in the 600 block of Woodale Terrace. The burns had

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the pews as congregations try to become more relevant to people's lives.

"Our biblical principles are the same," said Jennie Byers, assistant to Jim Devney at Emmanuel Church of Greenwood. "The doctrine hasn't changed. All that's different is how we're presenting ourselves."

The church voted in the summer 2004 to drop Baptist from its name to reach more people who are far from God and bring them closer, Byers said.

Before the name change, Byers said, church members often had trouble inviting friends to church.

"If people were turned away by the word Baptist, we wanted to drop any barrier that stopped them from coming in our doors," she said.

In Loving Memory
of my husband

Harold Wells
On
Valentine's Day

Love & miss you
your wife, Bertha

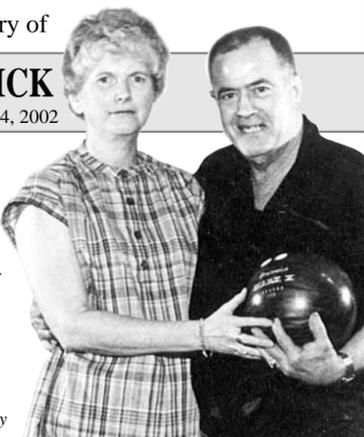
In Loving Memory of

DAN DETRICK
APRIL 29, 1924 - FEB. 14, 2002

Dad, you left to be with your "Angel" (Marilyn), so you are happy now. Your family misses both of you more than you know.

Always in our thoughts and hearts,

Daughter Linda,
Son, Ron & Family and
Grandson Chris & Family



In Loving Memory of

Ryan J. Tearman
July 3, 1975 - February 14, 2002

Even though you passed through the door of heaven, the opening of the door to our hearts & minds will never close.

WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH TO THIS DAY & ALWAYS,

PAT & JODI STALLINGS, WIFE TRICIA,
DAUGHTERS BRYANNA JO & SABLE MARIE

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