

Mayo Clinic's Medical Edge

Treating Stroke with T-P-A

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	ISCHEMIC STROKE IS WHEN BLOOD FLOW TO PART OF THE BRAIN IS SQUEEZED OFF, USUALLY BY A CLOT. DR. JAMES MESCHIA IS A NEUROLOGIST AT MAYO CLINIC. HE SAYS NOT ONLY IS IT THE MOST COMMON FORM OF STROKE, IT'S ALSO...
James Meschia, M.D. Track 3 (:05)	"A POTENTIALLY TREATABLE CONDITION IN MANY PATIENTS."
	HOW? WITH CLOT BUSTING DRUGS LIKE A TISSUE PLASMINOGEN ACTIVATOR OR T-P-A. INJECTED INTO THE BLOODSTREAM, THE DRUG RACES TO THE CLOT,

	BREAKS IT UP AND RESTORES BLOOD FLOW. BUT THERE'S ONLY A SMALL WINDOW IN WHICH TO USE THE DRUG.
Dr. Meschia Track 3 (4:10)	"IF A BLOOD CLOT CAN BE BROKEN DOWN WITHIN ONE TO TWO HOURS AFTER AN ISECHEMIC STROKE, BLOOD FLOW COULD BE RESTORED TO DAMAGED AREAS OF THE BRAIN."
	BEFORE PERMANENT AND NON-REVERSIBLE DAMAGE HAS BEEN DONE. THAT'S WHY IF YOU SUSPECT A STROKE, IT'S IMPORTANT TO SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG. I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

