

Minutes matter. Call 911.

Trauma



Stroke



Heart Attack

"The most important thing is to call 911 if you or someone else is seriously injured or has symptoms of stroke or heart attack."

When a medical emergency strikes, quick action is vital for survival and recovery.

A new emergency medical care system has been created in Missouri to provide a quicker response and high quality care for trauma, heart attack and stroke.

The Time Critical Diagnosis (TCD) System was developed by the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, the Missouri Foundation for Health and partners throughout the state to improve emergency medical care across the state. This new system will save lives and help more Missourians fully recover from a medical emergency.

What is the TCD System?

Through the TCD System, specialized health care professionals are ready at a moment's notice to provide rapid response and coordinated care for stroke, heart attack and trauma including automobile crashes, falls and other serious injuries.

The TCD System includes the 911 emergency phone system, ambulance services and hospitals designated to treat trauma, stroke and heart attack patients.

The goal of the TCD System is to provide the right care, at the right place, at the right time.

How does the TCD System work?

When a call is made to 911, emergency medical responders head to the scene of the emergency and begin treatment as soon as they arrive. They alert the hospital that they are on their way with a patient and continue to communicate with specialized hospital staff about the patient's treatment.

A medical team is ready to continue the care as soon as the patient gets to the hospital.



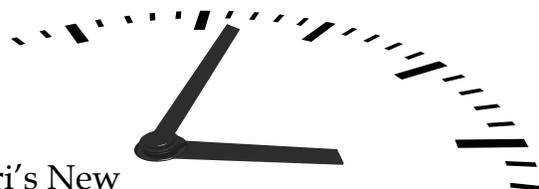
How do I know when to call 911?

It's not always easy to know when to call 911. But dismissing an injury as "not too bad" can have serious consequences.

It also can be difficult to know that someone is having a heart attack or stroke. Learning the signs of heart attack and stroke can help you know when to call 911 for help.

Calling 911 allows emergency medical professionals to help determine if a trip to the hospital is necessary.

Whether a person has been injured or is having a heart attack or stroke, the sooner treatment begins, the more successful it will be.



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Time Critical Diagnosis System
for emergency medical care