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### **Watching the Clock**

Under new treatment guidelines, people having mild strokes can now be considered for a medication given within several hours to help dissolve a clot. Clot-snaring devices can also now be used up to 24 hours after the start of a stroke in some patients with clots blocking a large vessel in the brain.

#### **0 minutes**

Onset of stroke symptoms

#### **Within 3-4 ½ hours**

Clot-dissolving drug alteplase for mild and severe strokes

#### **Within 6-24 hours**

Mechanical thrombectomy with stent retrievers for large-vessel clots

*Source: American Heart Association/American Stroke Association*