

Kids learn stroke signs in class through imitation

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A program in New York that teaches children about strokes includes having the kids imitate some of the telltale signs.

So at a recent class, third-graders spoke in gibberish and tried to make droopy smiles.

The program at Montefiore Medical Center is meant to recruit the youngsters to help get [stroke victims](#) into treatment as quickly as possible.

The children had fun, but they knew it was a serious lesson. One girl said she now knows what to do if her mother suffers a [stroke](#).

The head of the National Stroke Association says most people who suffer strokes don't get to a hospital quickly enough to benefit from the best treatment. He says it's possible the children will save lives from knowing what to look for and what to do.

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