



Harris County Hospital District

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HCHD Takes Action Against Stroke to Kick Off Stroke Awareness Month

WHAT: Second annual Harris County Hospital District Take Action Against Stroke! Conference

WHEN: Saturday, May 2, 2009
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

WHERE: Lincoln Community Center
979 Greshaw St., Houston, Texas 77088

WHO: Free event to the public

PURPOSE: May is National Stroke Awareness Month. The Harris County Hospital District event is free to the public. Aside from hearing experts discuss risk factors, symptoms and preventive measures, the public can receive free screenings for stroke, high blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes.

Stroke is the number one cause of disability in the United States. According to the National Stroke Association, 80 percent of strokes can be prevented.

The conference is a collaboration between HCHD's Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Department and Health Promotions Department.

Stroke experts and stroke survivors will be available for interviews and photo ops.

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The Harris County Hospital District is the public health care system for the nation's third most-populous county. It provides quality health care for more than one million patient visits each year to residents of Harris County. It operates Ben Taub General Hospital, Lyndon B. Johnson General Hospital, Quentin Mease Community Hospital, 12 community health centers, a dental center, a dialysis center, eight school-based clinics, 13 homeless shelter clinics and five mobile health units.