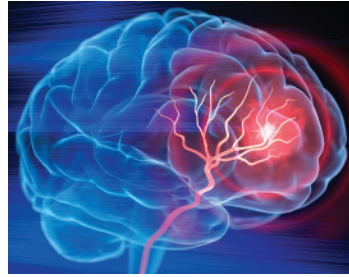


Almost \$10 million in settlement for medical facility's failure to provide prompt diagnosis and care

Mr. Harris (not his real name) was a patient at a medical facility in Florida when he began exhibiting symptoms of a stroke. Unfortunately for Mr. Harris, the medical providers at the facility failed to recognize the clear and well-known symptoms of a stroke (e.g., one-sided weakness, slurring of speech). By the time the medical providers reacted to the developing stroke and provided treatment, it was too late. As a result, Mr. Harris suffered a catastrophic brain injury. Mr. Harris's family contacted Searcy Denney attorney **Brian Denney** to request help in determining responsibility for his tragic condition.

Mr. Denney conducted an investigation that included consultations with medical experts. The team determined that the medical facility and its employees were negligent in not readily recognizing and treating Mr. Harris's stroke when symptoms first appeared. Mr. Denney filed a lawsuit on behalf of Mr. Harris and litigated the case for several years. It was hotly contested. With a trial date fast approaching, the parties reached a settlement of just under \$10 million, giving the Harris family the ability to care for Mr. Harris for the rest of his life. ♦



The symptoms of a stroke are listed below.

NOTE: A stroke happens when blood flow to the brain is interrupted – and every second without oxygen can cause permanent damage. It is the second leading cause of death globally. Older adults are at increased risk of stroke, but strokes can happen at any age and for a variety of reasons. The first hour after symptoms appear is the “golden hour” for successful care.

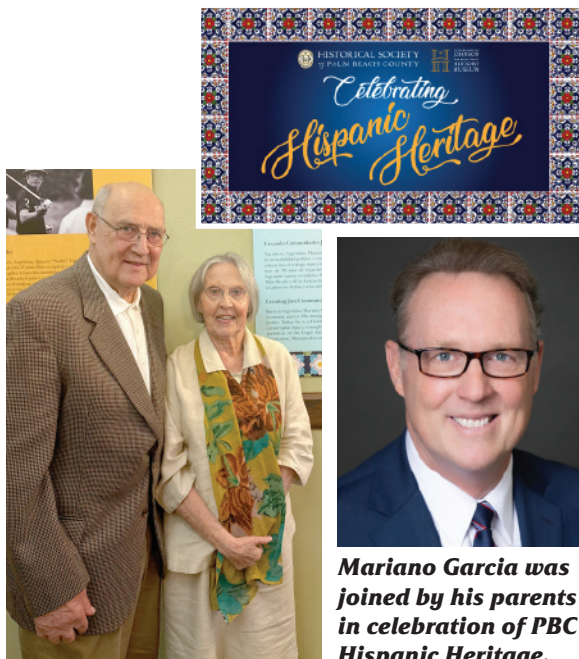
Act **FAST**:

F for **FACE**: A common red flag is if one side of a person's mouth is drooping or their smile is lopsided.

A for **ARMS**: Stroke victims often have difficulty manipulating their extremities – raising their arms above their head, lifting things, walking with difficulty, dragging one leg.

S for **SPEECH**: If a person has difficulty talking, slurring words, or incoherent repetitions, nonsensical conversation – there may be possible stroke damage.

T for **TIME**: Time is of the essence for a safe response. Do not wait for symptoms to disappear. Do not spend time researching symptoms online. Call 911 immediately and describe the person's condition. Health professionals recommend using 911 instead of trying to take the person to an emergency facility themselves. Life-saving medications must be administered quickly to be effective.



Mariano Garcia was joined by his parents in celebration of PBC Hispanic Heritage.

Mariano Garcia: A Profile of Impact

A celebration of our county's Hispanic Heritage

Hispanic Heritage Month is celebrated in the U.S. every year from September 15 to October 15 to recognize the contributions and influence of Hispanic culture to the nation's achievements, culture, and history. The timing coincides with the anniversaries of independence of several Latin American countries. The Historical Society of Palm Beach County, along with the Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches and its Avanza Hispanic Business Committee, presented an exhibition celebrating Hispanic business leaders whose innovation and achievements shape this community. Searcy Denney attorney **Mariano Garcia** was one of the event's featured "Profiles of Impact." As the son of immigrant parents, Mariano's story reflects the power of perseverance, service, and commitment to uplifting others. Searcy Denney offers sincere congratulations to Mr. Garcia, and appreciation for the efforts of the Historical Society and Chamber of Commerce on behalf of our Hispanic community. ♦