

# Navigating Stroke in the Young: Insights, Challenges, and Future Directions

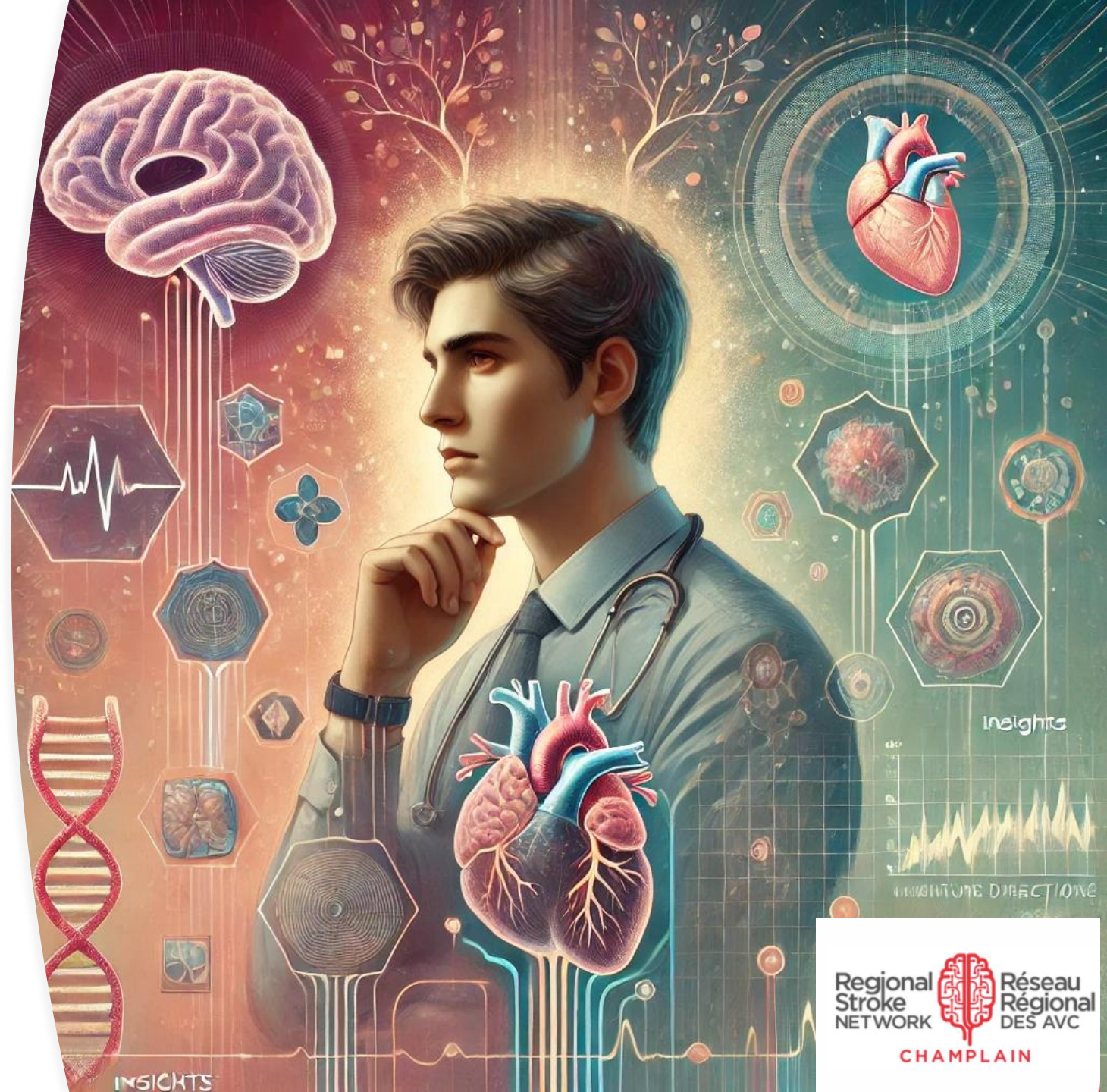
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# PLAN

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- IV. ACUTE MANAGEMENT
- V. WOMEN AND STROKE
- VI. CHALLENGES



# DEFINITION



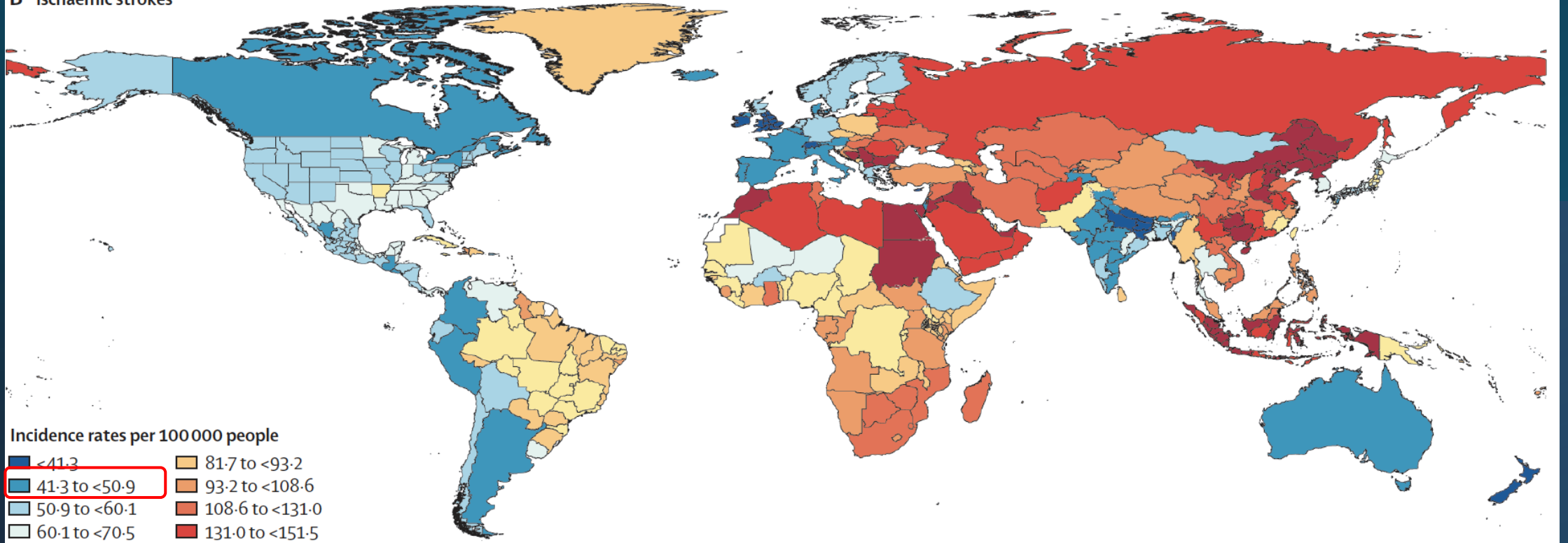
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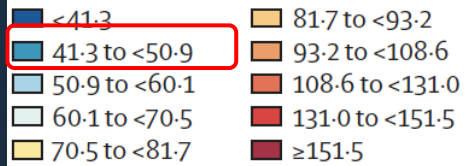


# EPIDEMIOLOGY

B Ischaemic strokes



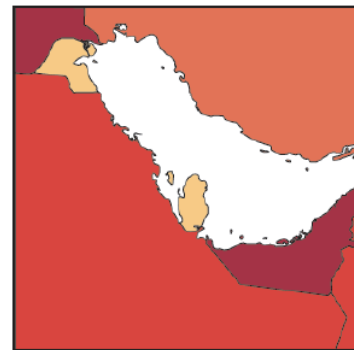
Incidence rates per 100 000 people



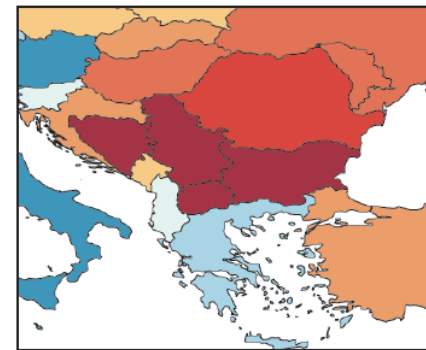
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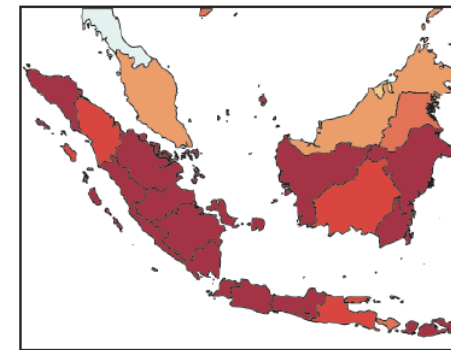
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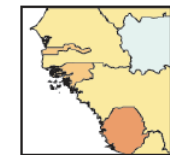
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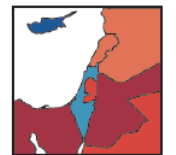
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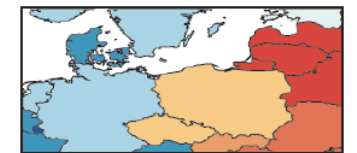
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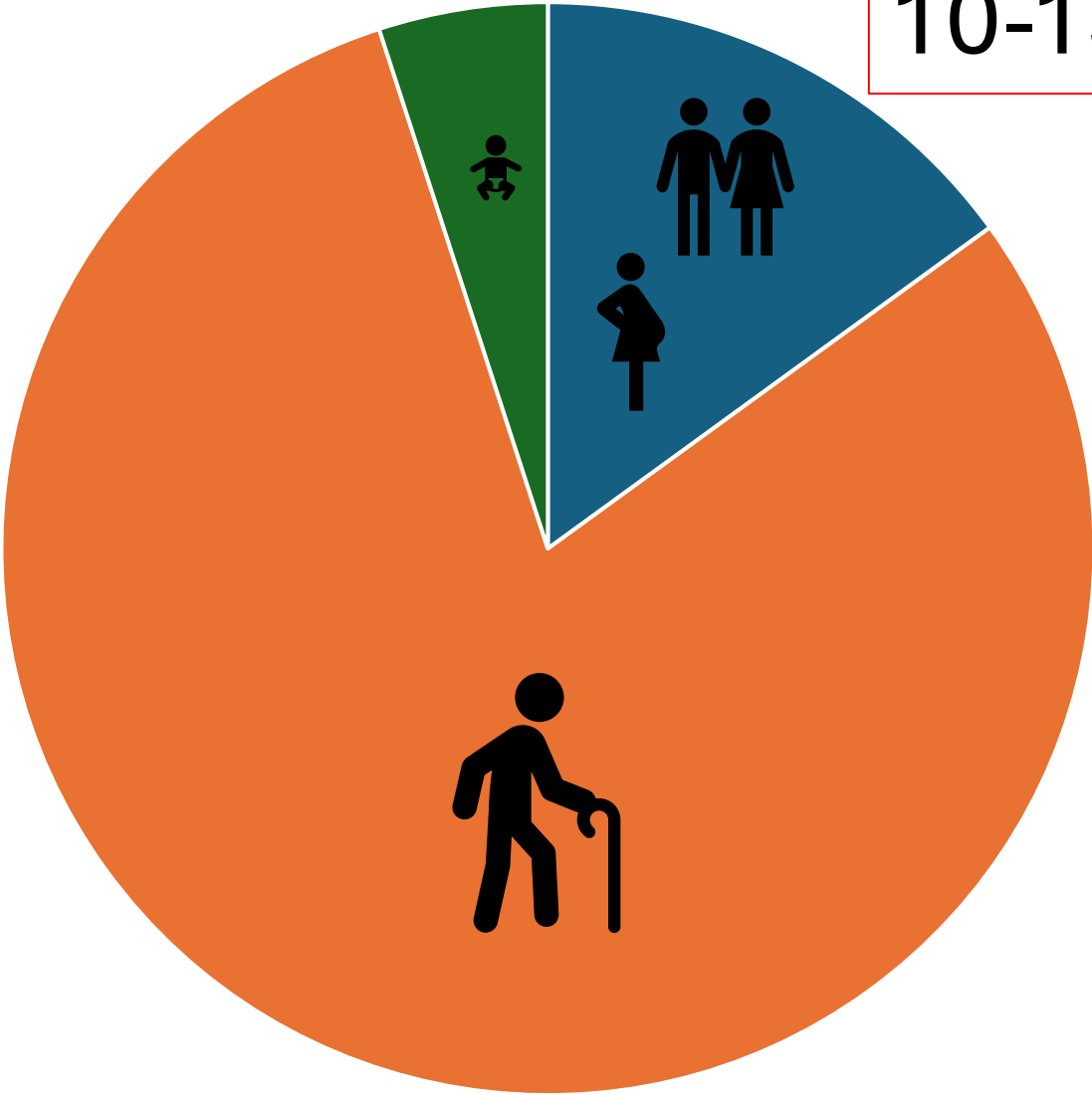
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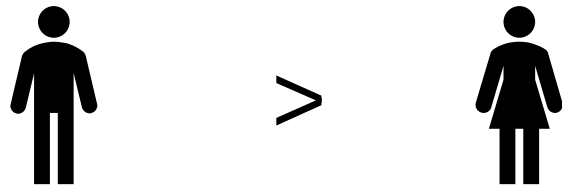


10-15%



# EPIDEMIOLOGY

An Increase up to **50%** in the incidence of stroke in a young



40 – 50 years old

Black/Hispanic > White

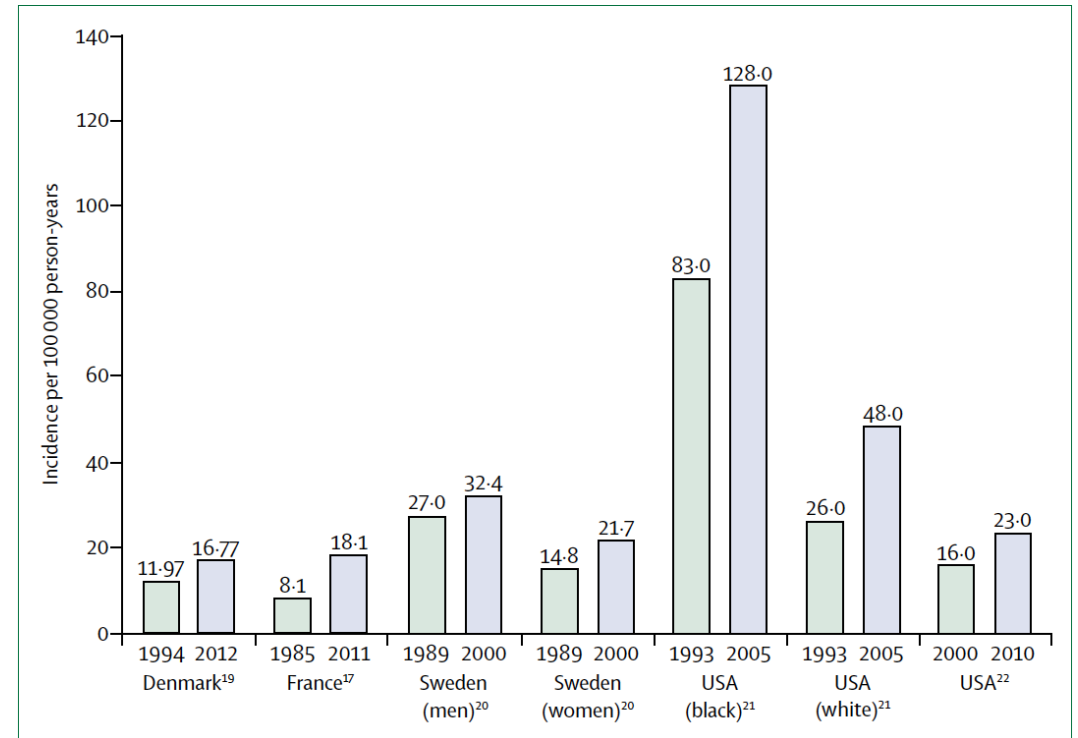


Figure 1: The increasing incidence of stroke in young adults



Better Stroke Detection

Higher incidence  
of  
autoimmune disease

Pregnancy and puerperium



Illicit and recreational drug use

Oral contraceptives

Risk Factors





Left atrium

The image is a medical illustration of the heart, showing the left atrium and ventricle. Two circular insets are overlaid on the image. The top inset shows a coronary artery with a significant narrowing (stenosis). The bottom inset shows a cross-section of a coronary artery with a large, irregular plaque (atherosclerosis) that has significantly narrowed the lumen. The text 'Left atrium' is written in white on the red surface of the heart.

**ETIOLOGY**

**TABLE 1. TOAST Classification of Subtypes of Acute Ischemic Stroke**

Large-artery atherosclerosis (embolus/thrombosis)\*

Cardioembolism (high-risk/medium-risk)\*

Small-vessel occlusion (lacune)\*

Stroke of other determined etiology\*

Stroke of undetermined etiology

- a. Two or more causes identified
- b. Negative evaluation
- c. Incomplete evaluation

TOAST, Trial of Org 10172 in Acute Stroke Treatment.

\*Possible or probable depending on results of ancillary studies.

Large Artery Atherosclerosis

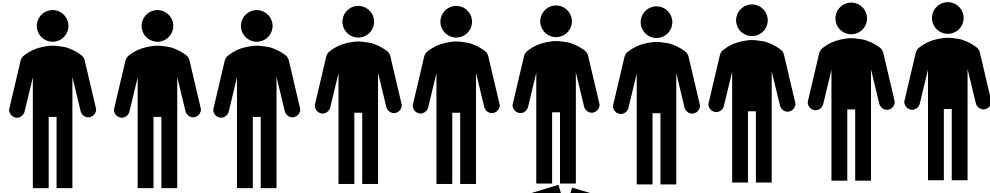
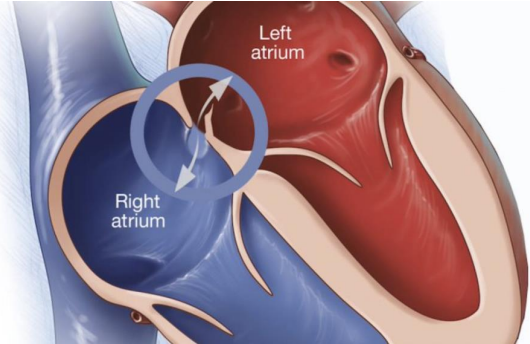
Cardioembolism

Small-vessel Disease

Other etiology

Cryptogenic stroke

# Cardioembolic Permanent Foramen Ovale

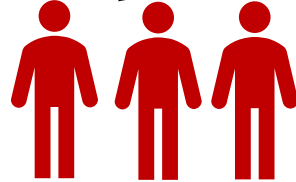


70%



NO PFO

30%



PFO

10%



STROKE SECONDARY TO PFO

# Cardioembolic Permanent Foramen Ovale

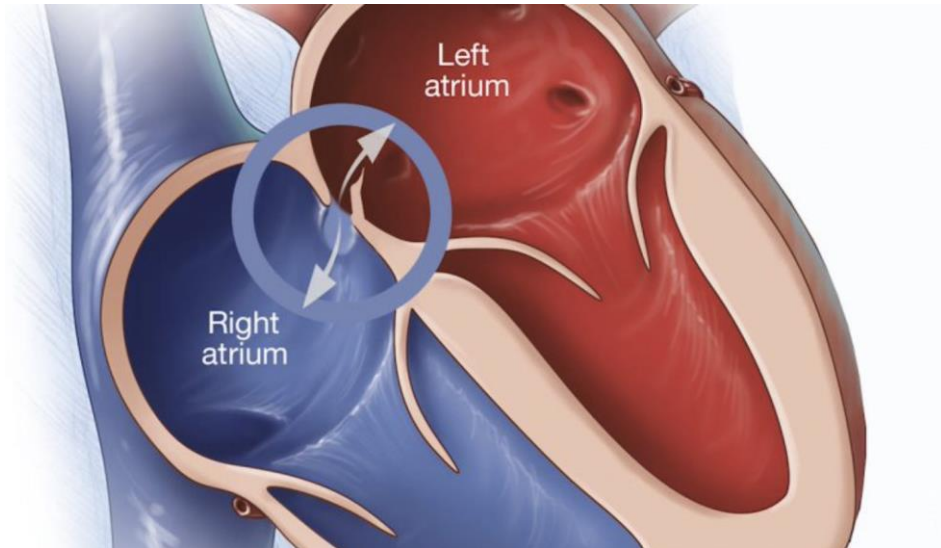
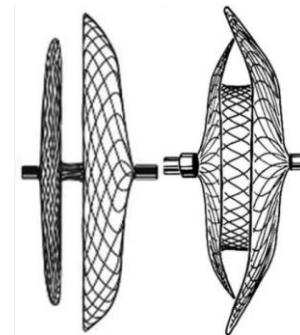


Table 1. Risk of Paradoxical Embolism (RoPE) Score and PFO-Associated Stroke Causal Likelihood (PASCAL) Classification System

Characteristic	Points	
RoPE Score calculator <sup>a</sup>		
No history of		
Hypertension	1	
Diabetes	1	
Stroke or transient ischemic attack	1	
Nonsmoker	1	
Cortical infarct on imaging	1	
Age, y		
18-29	5	
30-39	4	
40-49	3	
50-59	2	
60-69	1	
>70	0	
Total RoPE Score (sum of individual points) =		
PASCAL Classification System <sup>b</sup>		
High RoPE Score ( $\geq 7$ )	High-risk PFO feature (LS and/or ASA)	PFO-related stroke
Absent	Absent	Unlikely
Absent	Present	Possible
Present	Absent	Possible
Present	Present	Probable

## Patent Foramen Ovale Closure or Anticoagulation vs. Antiplatelets after Stroke

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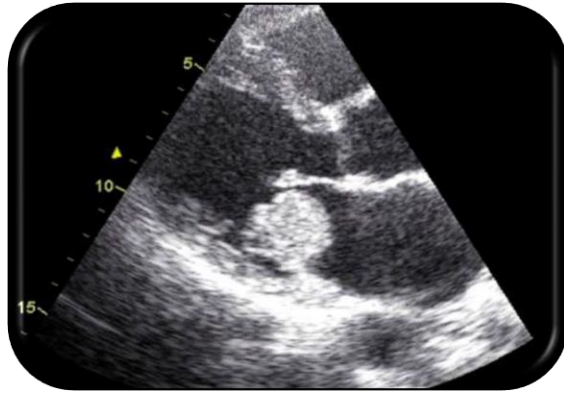
RoPE  $\geq 7$

Large PFO and/or Aneurysm Septum Apical

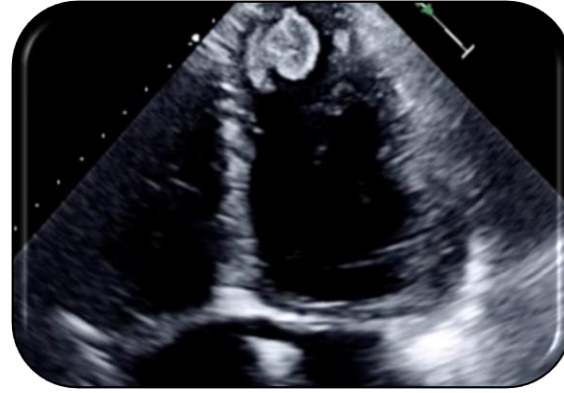
# Cardioembolic



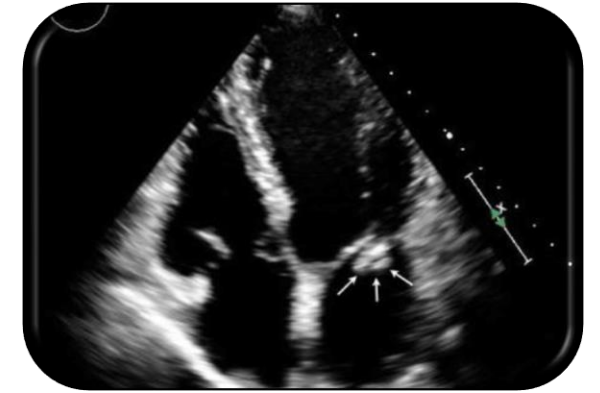
Atrial fibrillation



Cardiac tumours



Cardiomyopathy  
Valvulopathy



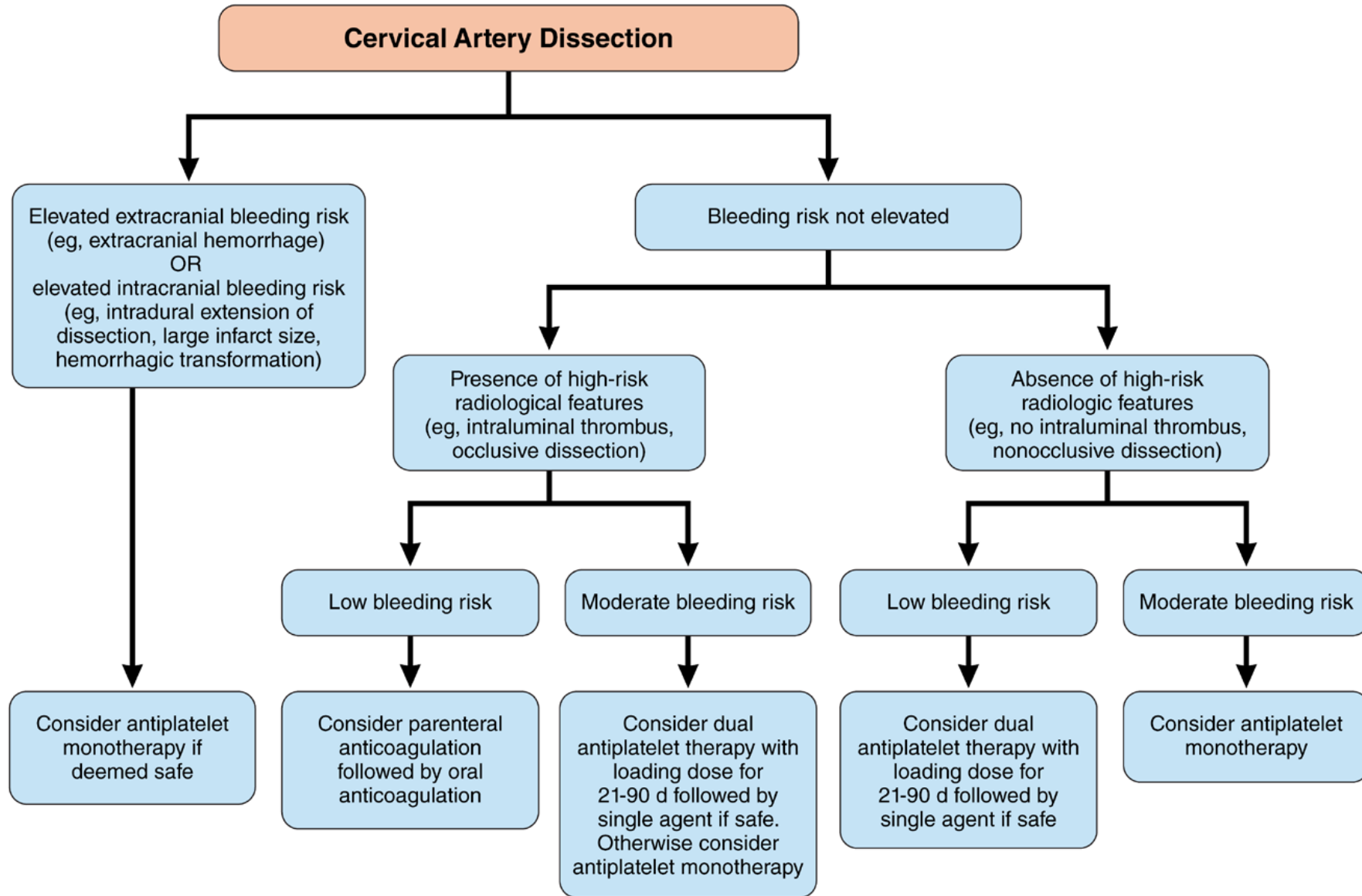
Endocarditis

# Cervical dissection

- 2% of all ischemic stroke – **10% of stroke in young patient**
- Risk factors
  - Elher Danlos syndrome, Marfan syndrome, fibromyodysplasia
  - Migraine
- Symptoms:
  - Sudden neck pain and headache
  - Neurological symptoms
- CTA or MRI with protocol dissection







# Stroke of other determined causes

SYSTEMIC	METABOLIC	GENETICS	VESSELS
Antiphospholipid syndrome Autoimmune disease Factor II deficiency Factor V leiden Hyperhomocystenuria Vasculatis Malignancy	Fabry disease Mitochondrial disorders	CADASIL CARASIL COL4A1	RCVS Moya moya disease Intracranial dissection Post Radiation



# RISK FACTORS



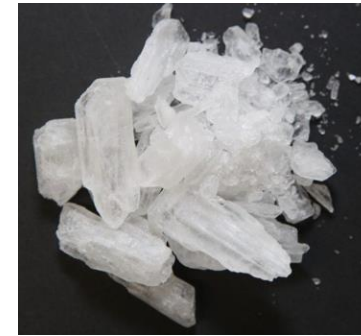
# Illicit Drugs

- 5% of all individuals aged 15-64 years
- Why Drugs cause stroke:
  - Cerebral vasospasm
  - Cardiac arrhythmias
  - Cardiomyopathy
  - Accelerated atherosclerosis
  - Vasculitis

**21% patients = positive screen without history of drug use**



**COCAINE**



**AMPHETAMINES**



**CANNABIS**

# Smoking

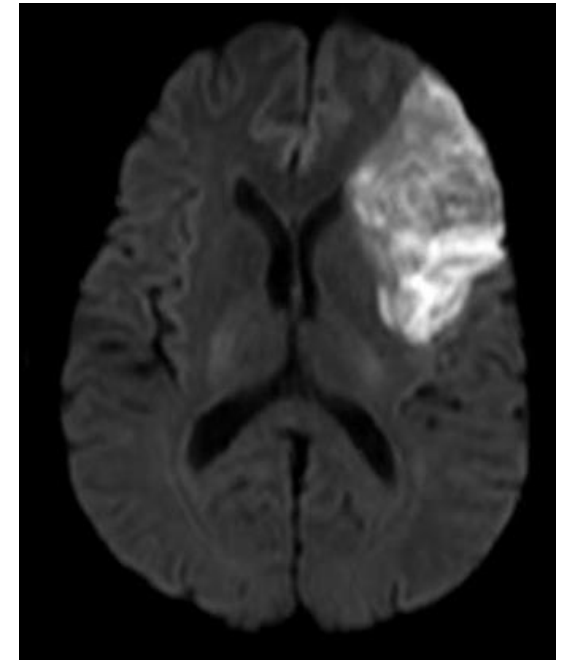
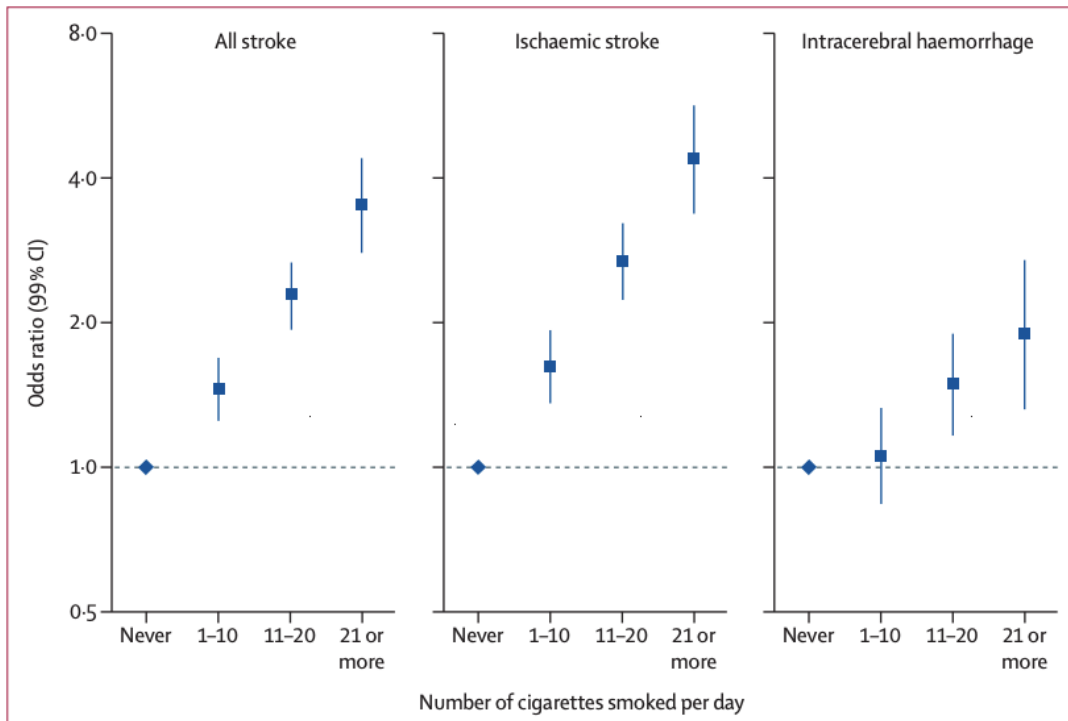


Figure 5: Current smoking and risk of ischaemic stroke and intracerebral haemorrhage

	Controls		All-stroke cases			
	Men (N=8026)	Women (N=5446)	Men (N=8013)	PAR (99% CI)	Women (N=5434)	PAR (99% CI)
			OR (99% CI)	PAR (99% CI)	OR (99% CI)	PAR (99% CI)
Self-reported history of hypertension or blood pressure $\geq 140/90$ mm Hg	3634/8026 (45.3%)	2745/5446 (50.4%)	2.87 (2.55 to 3.23)	45.2% (41.8 to 48.7)	3.21 (2.74 to 3.76)	52.3% (47.8 to 56.7)
Current smoking	2596/8022 (32.4%)	421/5443 (7.7%)	1.61 (1.42 to 1.83)	16.6% (13.2 to 20.7)	1.87 (1.43 to 2.43)	5.3% (3.7 to 7.6)
Waist-to-hip ratio						
T2 vs T1	2671/7809 (34.2%)	1802/5307 (34.0%)	1.20 (1.03 to 1.39)	..	1.28 (1.08 to 1.53)	..
T3 vs T1	2559/7809 (32.8%)	1751/5307 (33.0%)	1.23 (1.04 to 1.46)	..	1.80 (1.47 to 2.19)	..
T2 + T3 vs T1	..	..	..	12.7% (6.4 to 23.7)	..	25.8% (18.3 to 35.1)
Diet, mAHEI score						
T2 vs T1	2729/8026 (34.0%)	1849/5446 (34.0%)	0.78 (0.68 to 0.89)	..	0.75 (0.63 to 0.89)	..
T3 vs T1	2648/8026 (33.0%)	1797/5446 (33.0%)	0.60 (0.51 to 0.69)	..	0.59 (0.49 to 0.72)	..
T1 + T2 vs T3	..	..	..	23.5% (17.4 to 31.0)	..	22.9% (15.3 to 32.7)
Regular physical activity	1446/8026 (18.0%)	1849/5446 (34.0%)	..	..	0.50 to 0.85	32.4% (18.4 to 50.4)
Self-reported history of diabetes or HbA <sub>1c</sub> $\geq 6.5\%$	1746/8026 (21.8%)	1797/5446 (33.0%)	..	..	0.98 to 1.38	4.1% (1.4 to 11.7)
Alcohol intake						
Low or moderate	1537/8018 (19.2%)	609/5441 (11.2%)	1.20 (1.05 to 1.37)	..	0.92 (0.70 to 1.21)	..
High or heavy episodic	571/8018 (7.1%)	131/5441 (2.4%)	2.15 (1.67 to 2.77)	..	1.71 (0.72 to 4.07)	..
Psychosocial factors	..	..	2.59 (1.96 to 3.43)	18.5% (13.4 to 25.1)	1.77 (1.27 to 2.47)	15.0% (8.5 to 25.2)
Cardiac causes	430/8026 (5.4%)	238/5446 (4.4%)	2.73 (2.21 to 3.37)	7.8% (6.5 to 9.3)	4.06 (3.06 to 5.40)	11.1% (9.4 to 12.9)
ApoB/ApoA1 ratio						
T2 vs T1	2413/7083 (34.1%)	1637/4843 (33.8%)	1.24 (1.08 to 1.42)	..	1.33 (1.11 to 1.59)	..
T3 vs T1	2332/7083 (32.9%)	1598/4843 (33.0%)	1.81 (1.57 to 2.10)	..	1.88 (1.57 to 2.25)	..
T2 + T3 vs T1	..	..	..	25.1% (19.4 to 31.9)	..	29.2% (21.9 to 37.7)
Composite PAR for all ten risk factors	..	..	..	90.6% (88.0 to 92.7)	..	90.6% (87.1 to 93.3)

**MALE > FEMALE**



A Wald test was used to test for interaction between risk factor  $\times$  sex for all stroke, and  $p_{\text{interaction}}$  was significant ( $p < 0.01$ ) for waist-to-hip ratio, and cardiac causes using logistic regression. Apo=apolipoprotein. mAHEI=modified Alternative Healthy Eating Index. OR=odds ratio. PAR=population attributable risk. T=tertile.

**Table 3: Risk factors for all stroke (ischaemic and intracerebral haemorrhage) in men and women**

	Controls		All-stroke cases					
	≤55 years (N=4234)	>55 years (N=9238)	≤55 years (N=4216)	OR (99% CI)	PAR (99% CI)	>55 years (N=9231)	OR (99% CI)	PAR (99% CI)
Self-reported history of hypertension or blood pressure >140/90 mm Hg	1334/4234 (31.5%)	5045/9238 (54.6%)	4.51 (3.77-5.41)	49.7% (46.0-53.4)	2.55 (2.27-2.85)	46.0% (42.2-49.8)		
Current smoking	1242/4231 (29.4%)	1775/9234 (19.2%)	1.66 (1.36-2.02)	16.3% (11.6-22.3)	1.70 (1.47-1.97)	10.9% (8.6-13.7)		
Waist-to-hip ratio								
T2 vs T1	1386/4133 (33.5%)	3087/8983 (34.4%)	1.42 (1.15-1.75)	..	1.16 (1.01-1.33)	..		
T3 vs T1	1203/4133 (29.1%)	3107/8983 (34.6%)	1.56 (1.23-1.98)	..	1.39 (1.20-1.62)	..		
T2 + T3 vs T1	..	..	..	23.5% (15.2-34.5)	..	16.0% (9.7-25.2)		
Diet, mAHEI score								
T2 vs T1	1460/4234 (34.5%)	3118/9238 (33.8%)	0.78 (0.64-0.95)	..	0.76 (0.67-0.87)	..		
T3 vs T1	1313/4234 (31.0%)	3132/9238 (33.9%)	0.68 (0.55-0.86)	..	0.56 (0.48-0.64)	..		
T1 + T2 vs T3	..	..	..	16.4% (7.9-30.9)	..	26.5% (20.9-33.0)		
Regular physical activity	688/4232 (16.3%)	1510/9231 (16.4%)	0.60 (0.45-0.80)	35.3% (21.0-52.8)	0.60 (0.50-0.72)	35.9% (26.4-46.7)		
Self-reported hist HbA <sub>1c</sub> ≥6.5%	..	..	..	..	..	3.6% (1.4-8.8)		
Alcohol intake								
Low or moderate	797/4229 (18.8%)	1349/9230 (14.6%)	1.27 (1.03-1.56)	..	1.09 (0.94-1.27)	..		
High or heavy episodic	231/4229 (5.5%)	471/9230 (5.1%)	2.20 (1.49-3.23)	..	2.14 (1.54-2.96)	..		
Psychosocial factors	..	..	2.36 (1.60-3.50)	22.8% (14.8-33.3)	2.06 (1.59-2.68)	15.3% (10.5-21.8)		
Cardiac causes	73/4234 (1.7%)	595/9238 (6.4%)	4.56 (2.81-7.41)	4.9% (3.8-6.3)	2.94 (2.45-3.53)	10.8% (9.4-12.4)		
ApoB/ApoA1 ratio								
T2 vs T1	1219/3702 (32.9%)	2831/8224 (34.4%)	1.30 (1.06-1.60)	..	1.28 (1.13-1.46)	..		
T3 vs T1	1275/3702 (34.4%)	2655/8224 (32.3%)	2.01 (1.62-2.49)	..	1.79 (1.56-2.05)	..		
T2+T3 vs T1	..	..	..	30.8% (22.6-40.5)	..	25.6% (20.1-31.9)		
Composite PAR for all ten risk factors	..	..	..	92.2% (88.8-94.6)	..	90.0% (87.3-92.1)		

≤ 55 years old → PAR 16%



A Wald test was used to test for interaction between risk factor × age subgroup for all stroke, and p<sub>interaction</sub> was significant (p<0.01) for hypertension, waist-to-hip ratio, diet, and cardiac causes using logistic regression. Apo=apolipoprotein. mAHEI=modified Alternative Healthy Eating Index. OR=odds ratio. PAR=population attributable risk. T=tertile.

Table 4: Risk factors for all stroke (ischaemic and intracerebral haemorrhage) by age group

Tobacco type	All stroke	Ischemic stroke					Total	ICH
		Cardioembolism	Large vessel	Small vessel	Other/Undetermined TOAST	Total		
All type of tobacco	1.64 (1.46–1.84)	1.56 (0.99–2.46)	2.16 (1.63–2.87)	1.66 (1.37–2.01)	1.97 (1.55–2.50)	1.85 (1.61–2.11)	1.19 (1.00–1.41)	
<b>Cigarettes</b>								
Filter	1.73 (1.50–1.99)	1.62 (0.97–2.71)	2.59 (1.83–3.67)	1.94 (1.53–2.45)	1.85 (1.39–2.46)	2.01 (1.70–2.36)	1.10 (0.89–1.37)	
Non-filter	2.59 (1.79–3.77)	2.02 (0.35–11.61)	5.73 (2.29–14.33)	2.26 (1.18–4.32)	3.31 (1.55–7.11)	3.37 (2.16–5.24)	2.04 (1.15–3.63)	
Both	2.81 (1.87–4.22)	1.67 (0.30–9.22)	4.12 (1.63–10.44)	3.02 (1.57–5.83)	3.09 (1.42–6.71)	2.87 (1.84–4.48)	2.23 (1.16–4.30)	
Beedie	2.39 (1.58–3.61)	1.54 (0.04–64.83)	3.69 (1.28–10.65)	3.45 (1.66–7.17)	3.27 (1.46–7.33)	3.39 (2.06–5.57)	1.00 (0.56–1.79)	
Pipes/Cigars	1.96 (0.58–6.61)	1.19 (0.13–11.21)	0.28 (0.01–9.46)	4.49 (0.25–82.14)	3.65 (0.19–69.27)	1.81 (0.50–6.60)	2.72 (0.18–40.34)	
Chewing Tobacco	1.27 (0.93–1.71)	5.13 (0.27–97.97)	1.04 (0.44–2.47)	0.97 (0.61–1.56)	1.57 (0.77–3.23)	1.15 (0.79–1.68)	1.53 (1.03–2.27)	

Data are OR (95% CI) of all stroke or stroke subtype with control, in different tobacco type with never smoke as reference. ORs were adjusted for age, self-reported hypertension or blood pressure  $\geq 140/90$  mm Hg, physical activity, diet and alcohol intake. Filter: filter cigarettes among current smokers; Non-filter: non-filter cigarettes among current smokers; both: both filter and non-filter cigarettes among current smokers; Beedie: use beedie alone among current smokers; Pipes/Cigars: use pipes/cigars alone among current smokers; Chewing Tobacco: use chewing tobacco alone among current smokers.



**Table 3: Risk of stroke associated with type of tobacco used in current smoker.**



Among never smokers, longer exposure hours to ETS increased the odds of ischemic stroke and ICH.

**Over 10 h exposure weekly increased:**

- the risk of all stroke (OR 1.95; 1.69–2.27)
- ischemic stroke (OR 1.89; 1.59–2.24)
- ICH (OR 2.00; 1.60–2.50)





**Supplementary Table 1: Risk of stroke associated with numbers of cigarette smoked, by genders**

Risk	All Stroke	Ischemic Stroke				Total	ICH
		Cardioembolism	Large vessel	Small vessel	Other/Undetermined TOAST		
<b>Female</b>							
Former Smoker vs Never	0.92(0.72-1.16)	0.90(0.54-1.52)	1.32(0.69-2.55)	1.05(0.63-1.76)	0.92(0.58-1.46)	1.00(0.77-1.29)	0.68(0.40-1.18)
Current Smoker+1-19cig/day vs Never	1.50(1.10-2.04)	0.73(0.31-1.72)	2.41(1.16-4.98)	2.18(1.14-4.17)	1.71(0.92-3.20)	1.71(1.21-2.41)	0.83(0.45-1.50)
Current Smoker, $\geq$ 20cig/day vs Never	3.74(2.35-5.96)	2.29(0.72-7.25)	8.65(2.72-27.5)	3.50(1.41-8.71)	4.03(1.58-10.3)	4.05(2.44-6.70)	2.24(0.94-5.35)
<b>Male</b>							
Former Smoker vs Never	0.99(0.86-1.14)	1.13(0.78-1.63)	1.22(0.86-1.71)	0.87(0.65-1.15)	1.04(0.79-1.36)	1.03(0.88-1.20)	0.89(0.69-1.14)
Current Smoker+1-19cig/day vs Never	1.54(1.33-1.79)	2.06(1.15-3.71)	2.14(1.45-3.14)	1.43(1.07-1.92)	1.60(1.17-2.17)	1.67(1.41-1.99)	1.19(0.94-1.52)
Current Smoker, $\geq$ 20cig/day vs Never	2.31(1.96-2.72)	2.33(1.09-4.98)	3.55(2.28-5.53)	2.64(1.97-3.52)	2.79(1.94-4.01)	2.85(2.35-3.45)	1.34(1.03-1.74)

# Obesity and Sedentarity



**Table 2. Odds Ratios\* for Stroke by Body Mass Index Category, Under 3 Models, With Stratification by Sex and Race**

	Reduced Model (Age, Sex, and Race)	Intermediate Model (Age, Sex, Race, and Smoking)	Full Model (Age, Sex, Race, Smoking, HTN, and DM)
<b>All (n=2291)</b>			
Overweight	1.12 (0.91–1.38)	1.13 (0.92–1.40)	1.02 (0.82–1.27)
Obese	1.57 (1.28–1.94)	1.65 (1.33–2.04)	1.21 (0.96–1.51)
<b>Men (n=1147)</b>			
Overweight	1.13 (0.84–1.53)	1.22 (0.90–1.66)	1.04 (0.76–1.43)
Obese	1.73 (1.27–2.40)	1.92 (1.40–2.65)	1.34 (0.96–1.88)
<b>Women (n=1144)</b>			
Overweight	1.13 (0.84–1.52)	1.06 (0.78–1.44)	0.99 (0.72–1.36)
Obese	1.46 (1.10–1.95)	1.42 (1.06–1.91)	1.07 (0.79–1.46)
<b>Whites (n=1221)</b>			
Overweight	1.05 (0.80–1.40)	1.07 (0.80–1.42)	0.99 (0.74–1.33)
Obese	1.37 (1.02–1.82)	1.40 (1.04–1.88)	1.04 (0.76–1.43)
<b>Blacks (n=958)</b>			
Overweight	1.08 (0.76–1.53)	1.09 (0.76–1.54)	0.96 (0.67–1.38)
Obese	1.62 (1.16–2.25)	1.71 (1.22–2.39)	1.26 (0.89–1.79)

DM indicates diabetes mellitus; and HTN, hypertension.  
\*Reference category is normal body mass index.

**Increased risk of ischemic stroke**

	Controls		All-stroke cases			
	≤55 years (N=4234)	>55 years (N=9238)	≤55 years (N=4216)		>55 years (N=9231)	
			OR (99% CI)	PAR (99% CI)	OR (99% CI)	PAR (99% CI)
Self-reported history of hypertension or blood pressure ≥140/90 mm Hg	1334/4234 (31.5%)	5045/9238 (54.6%)	4.51 (3.77–5.41)	49.7% (46.0–53.4)	2.55 (2.27–2.85)	46.0% (42.2–49.8)
Current smoking	1242/4231 (29.4%)	1775/9234 (19.2%)	1.66 (1.36–2.02)	16.3% (11.6–22.3)	1.70 (1.47–1.97)	10.9% (8.6–13.7)
Waist-to-hip ratio						
T2 vs T1	1386/4133 (33.5%)	3087/8983 (34.4%)	1.42 (1.15–1.75)	..	1.16 (1.01–1.33)	..
T3 vs T1	1203/4133 (29.1%)	3107/8983 (34.6%)	1.56 (1.23–1.98)	..	1.39 (1.20–1.62)	..
T2 + T3 vs T1	..	..	..	23.5% (15.2–34.5)	..	16.0% (9.7–25.2)
Diet, mAHEI score						
T2 vs T1	1460/4234 (34.5%)	3118/9238 (33.8%)	0.78 (0.64–0.95)	..	0.76 (0.67–0.87)	..
T3 vs T1	1313/4234 (31.0%)	3132/9238 (33.9%)	0.68 (0.55–0.86)	..	0.56 (0.48–0.64)	..
T1 + T2 vs T3	..	..	..	16.4% (7.0–30.0)	..	26.5% (20.0–33.0)
Regular physical activity	688/4232 (16.3%)	1510/9231 (16.4%)	0.60 (0.45–0.80)	35.3% (21.0–52.8)	0.60 (0.50–0.72)	35.9% (26.4–46.7)
Self-reported history of diabetes or HbA <sub>1c</sub> ≥6.5%	727/4229 (17.2%)	2230/9233 (24.2%)	1.29 (1.04–1.61)	5.6% (2.5–12.1)	1.14 (1.01–1.30)	3.6% (1.4–8.8)
Alcohol intake	..	..	..	10.9% (6.1–18.7)	..	4.1% (1.7–9.4)
Low or moderate	797/4229 (18.8%)	1349/9230 (14.6%)	1.27 (1.03–1.56)	..	1.09 (0.94–1.27)	..
High or heavy episodic	231/4229 (5.5%)	471/9230 (5.1%)	2.20 (1.49–3.23)	..	2.14 (1.54–2.96)	..
Psychosocial factors	..	..	2.36 (1.60–3.50)	22.8% (14.8–33.3)	2.06 (1.59–2.68)	15.3% (10.5–21.8)
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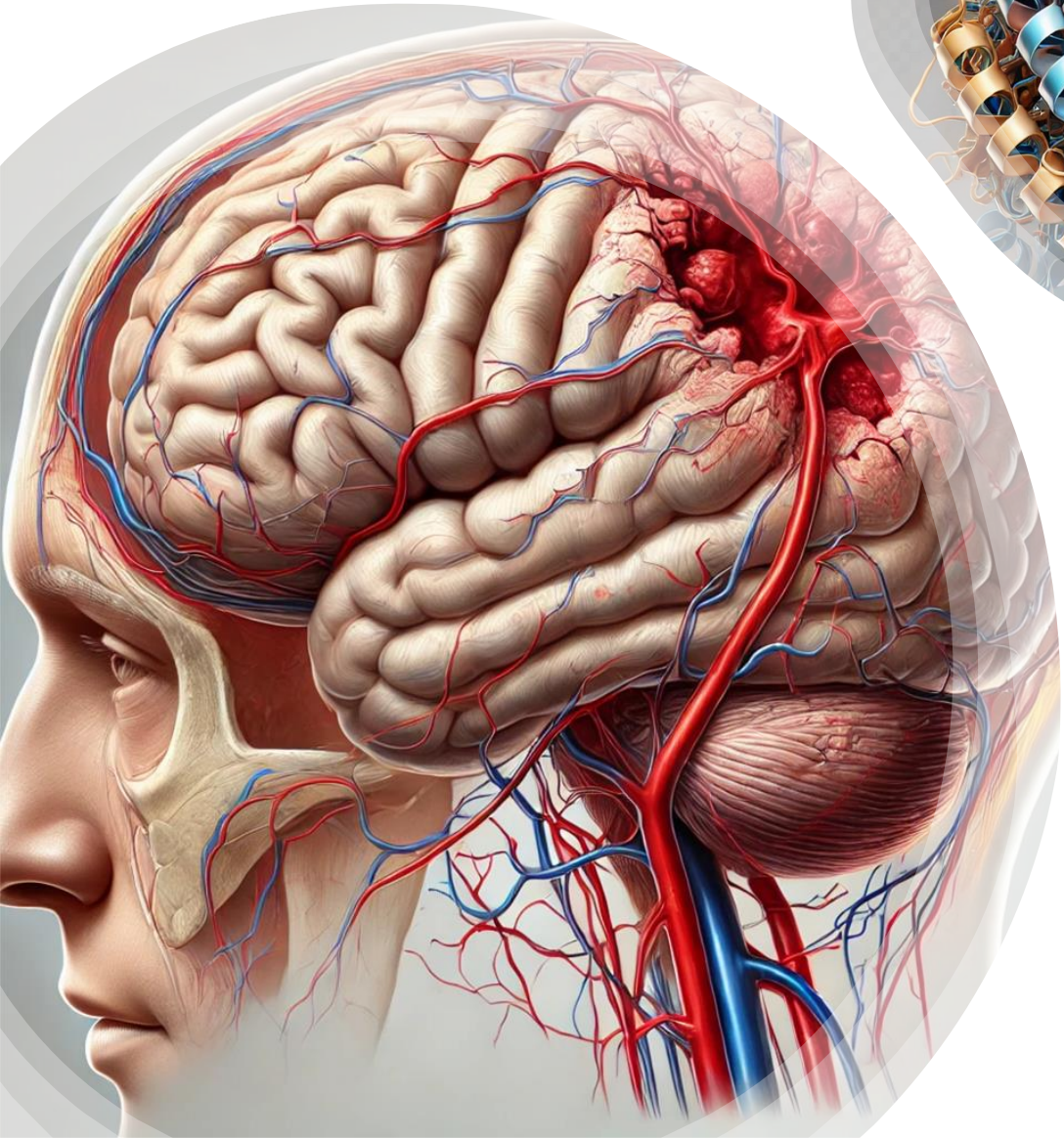
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# Thrombolysis

# Endovascular Thrombectomy

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Trial of Endovascular Thrombectomy for Large Ischemic Strokes

**LOWER MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY**



An illustration of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a patterned top, looking down with her hand to her forehead. A large, detailed brain is shown to her left. A red circular scan overlay is on her head, with a white lightning bolt striking it from the top right. The background is a gradient of red and orange.

# WOMEN AND STROKE

- 3rd trimester to 6 weeks post partum
- 12.2 per 100 000 pregnancies
- Etiologies:
  - Peripartum cardiomyopathy
  - Postpartum cerebral angiopathy
  - Amniotic fluid embolism
  - Hypertensive disorders
- Consider thrombolysis or EVT
- No contraindication for future pregnancy

**MULTIDISCIPLINARY FOLLOW UP**



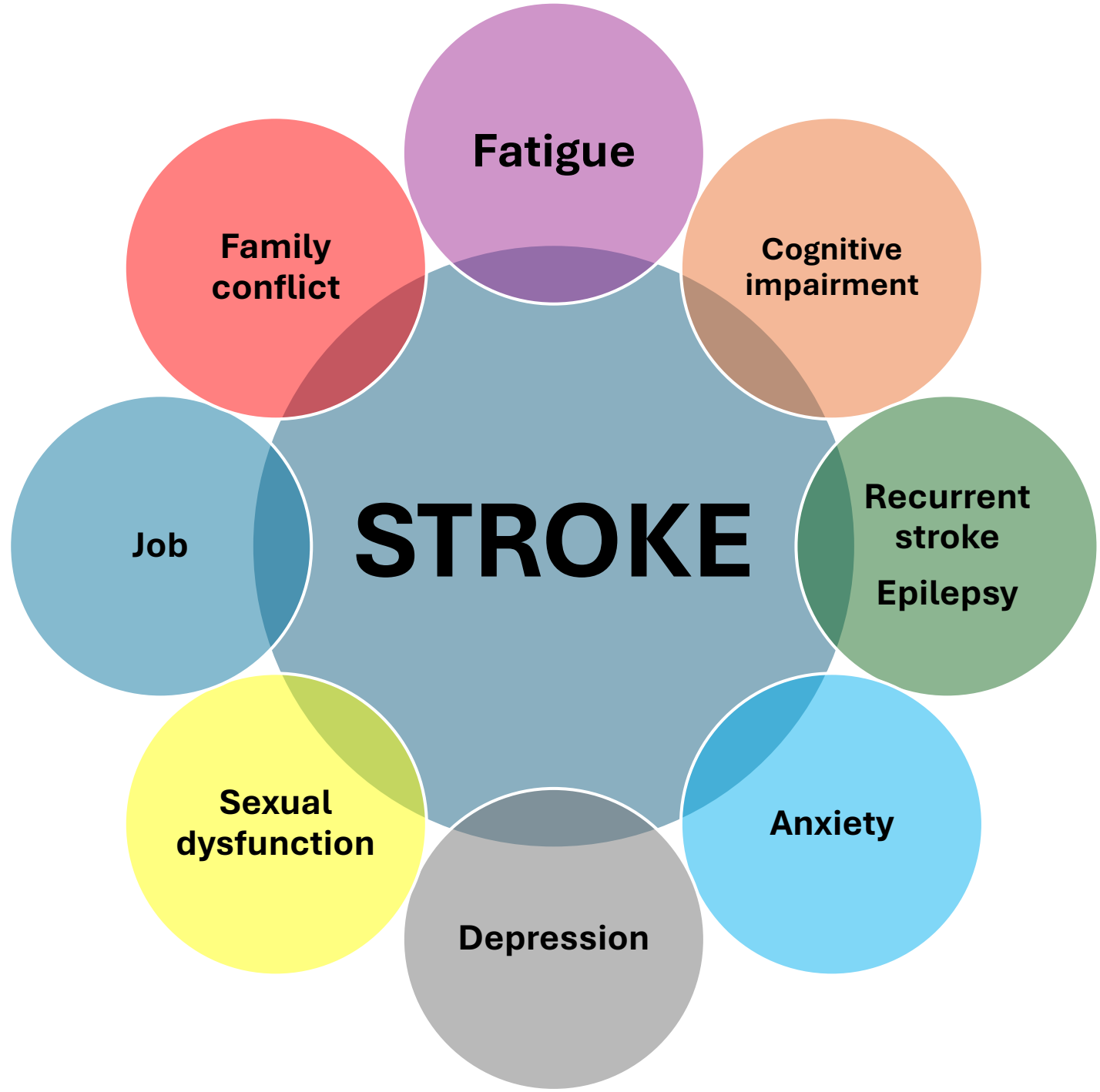
- Migraines with Aura
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- Migraines with Aura + Oral contraceptive + Tobacco
  - **X9** risk of ischemic stroke
- Birth control containing oestrogen



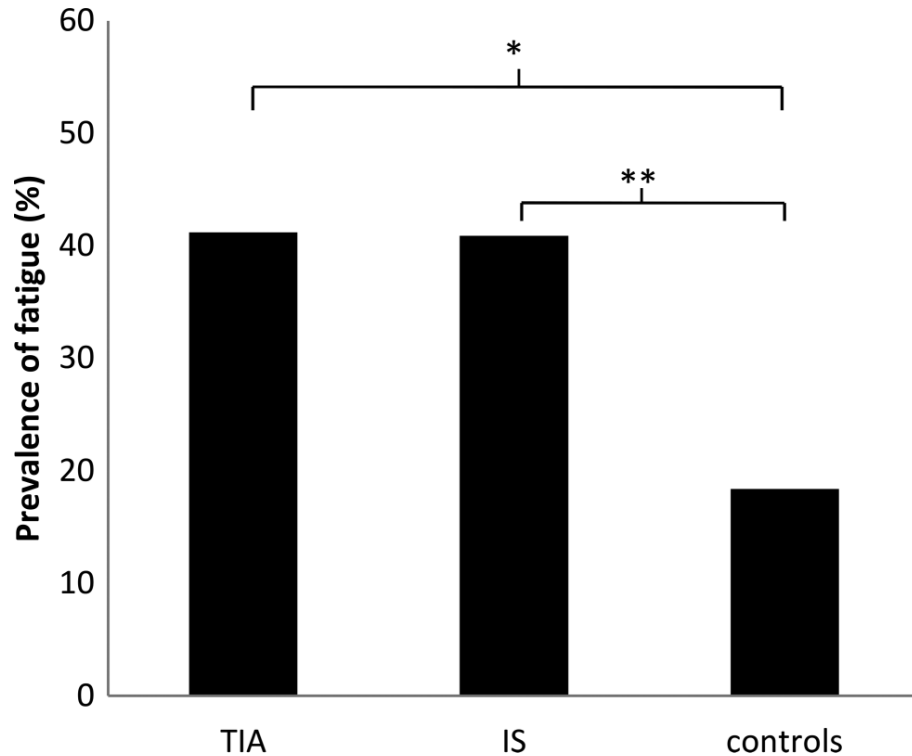


# CHALLENGES

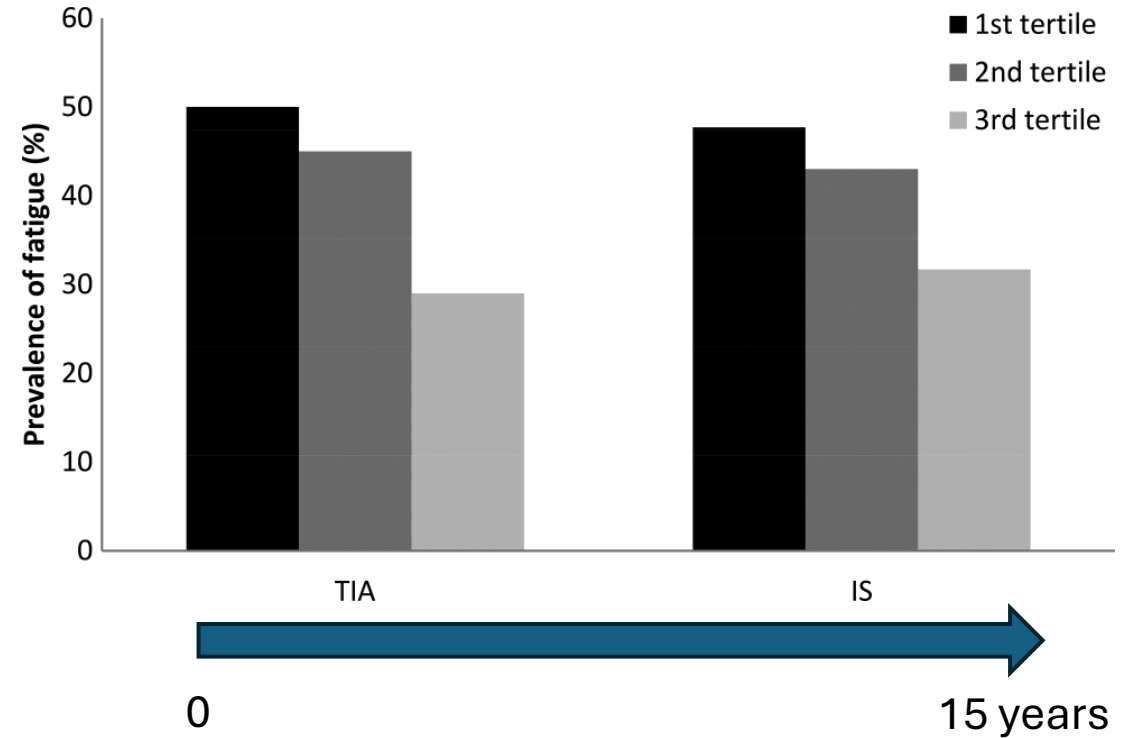
# INVISIBLE DYSFUNCTIONS



# FATIGUE POST STROKE



**41%**





# FATIGUE POST STROKE



Depression



Anxiety



cognitive  
Impairment

**Table 3** Association between fatigue and cognitive impairment

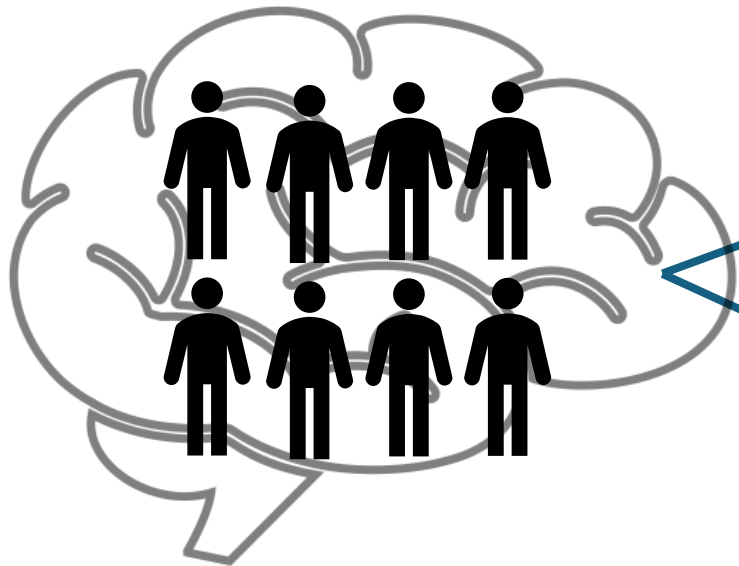
Cognitive domain	Association between impairment and fatigue; OR (95% CI)	p Value
Speed of information processing	2.2 (1.3 to 3.9)	0.006
Visuoconstruction	1.5 (0.8 to 2.8)	0.18
Working memory	2.3 (1.3 to 4.3)	0.007
Immediate memory	1.5 (0.8 to 2.9)	0.17
Delayed memory	0.7 (0.4 to 1.3)	0.25
Attention	1.6 (0.9 to 2.9)	0.12
Executive functioning	1.0 (0.6 to 1.9)	0.94

Multiple logistic regression analysis, showing associations between fatigue and cognitive impairment on seven cognitive domains. With Bonferroni correction,  $p < 0.007$  was considered statistically significant. ORs with 95% CIs and p values were adjusted for age, sex, stroke severity (National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale), duration of follow-up, presence of depressive symptoms and anxiety and recurrent cerebrovascular events.

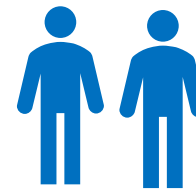
FATIGUE SEVERITY SCALE

During the past week, I have found that:	Strongly Disagree			Neither Agree Nor Disagree			Strongly Agree
1. My motivation is lower when I am fatigued.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2. Exercise brings on my fatigue.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3. I am easily fatigued.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
4. Fatigue interferes with my physical functioning.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5. Fatigue causes frequent problems for me.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6. My fatigue prevents sustained physical functioning.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
7. Fatigue interferes with carrying out certain duties and responsibilities.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8. Fatigue is among my three most disabling symptoms.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8. Fatigue interferes with my work, family, or social life.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

# COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT

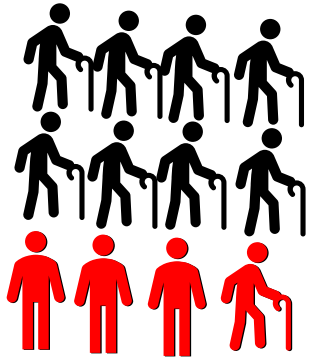
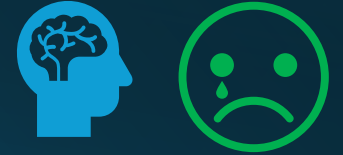


**Cognitive impairment**  
44%



**Aphasia**  
22%

# DEPRESSION AND ANXIETY



1/3 of patients = depression

X 3 in young patients

## MIDAS (Modafinil in Debilitating Fatigue After Stroke) A Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Cross-Over Trial

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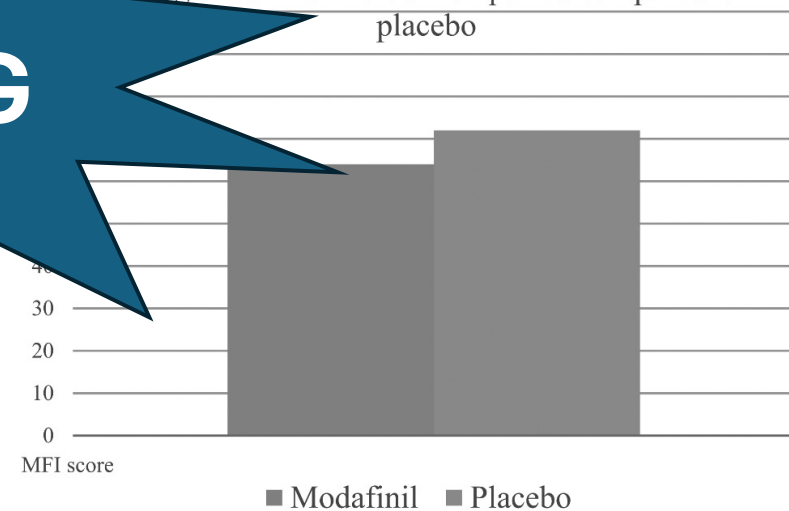
The treatment effect of modafinil on post stroke fatigue after the intervention period compared to placebo

**SCREENING**

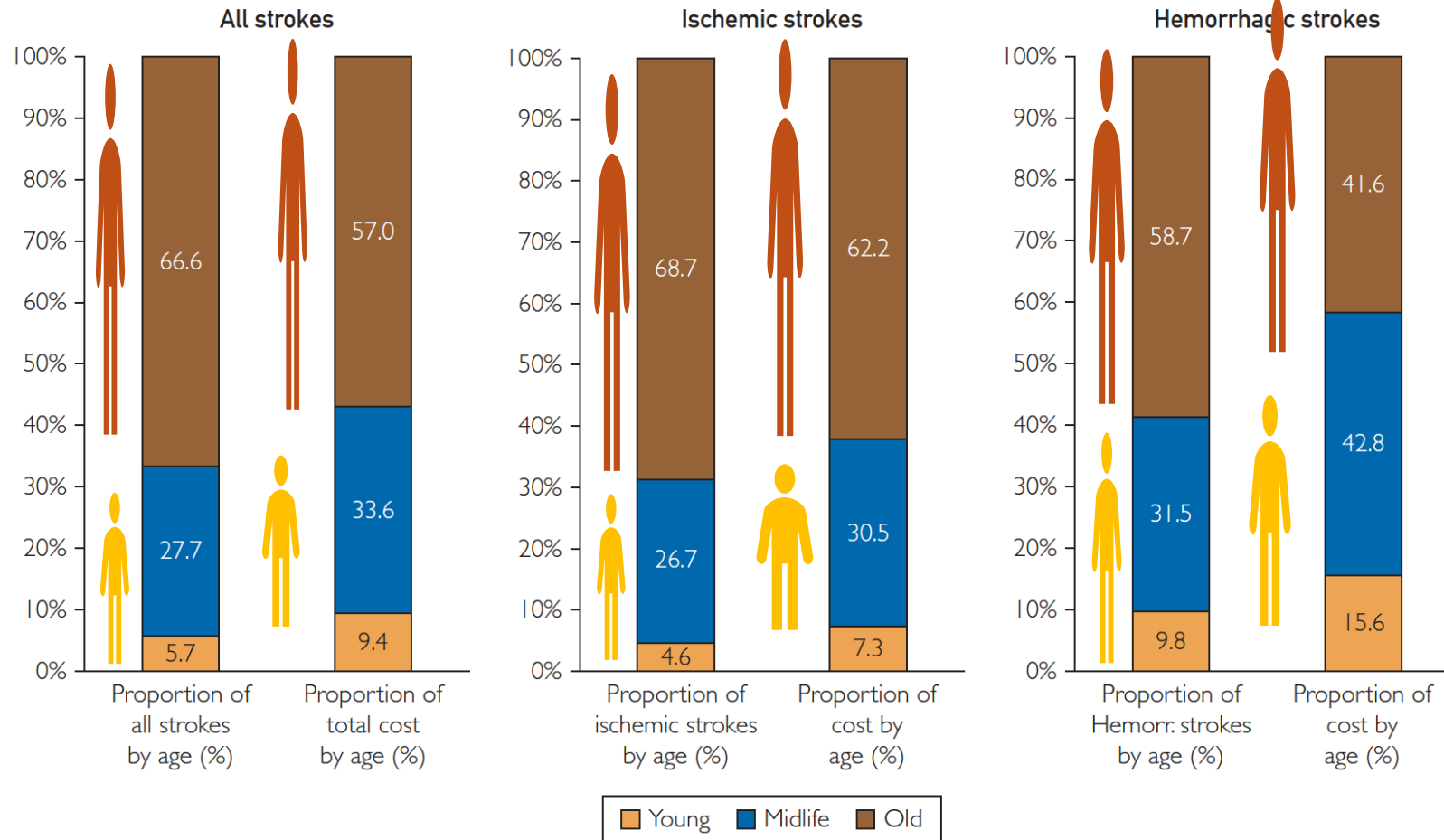
QUALITY OF LIFE

POOR OUTCOME

HIGHER RISK OF RECURRENT STROKE



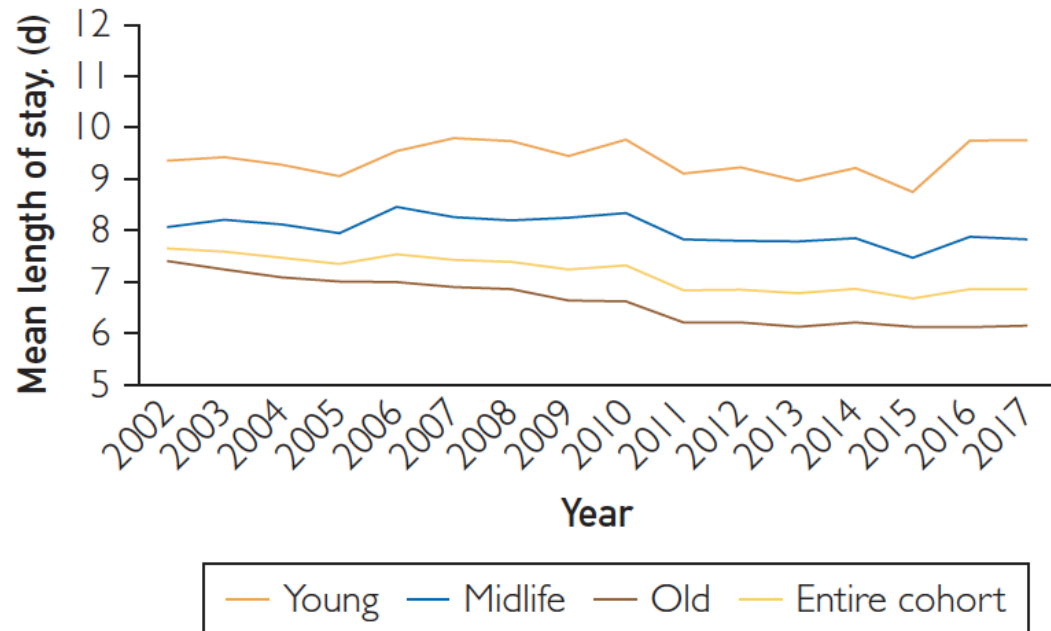
# COST



**HIGHER COST**

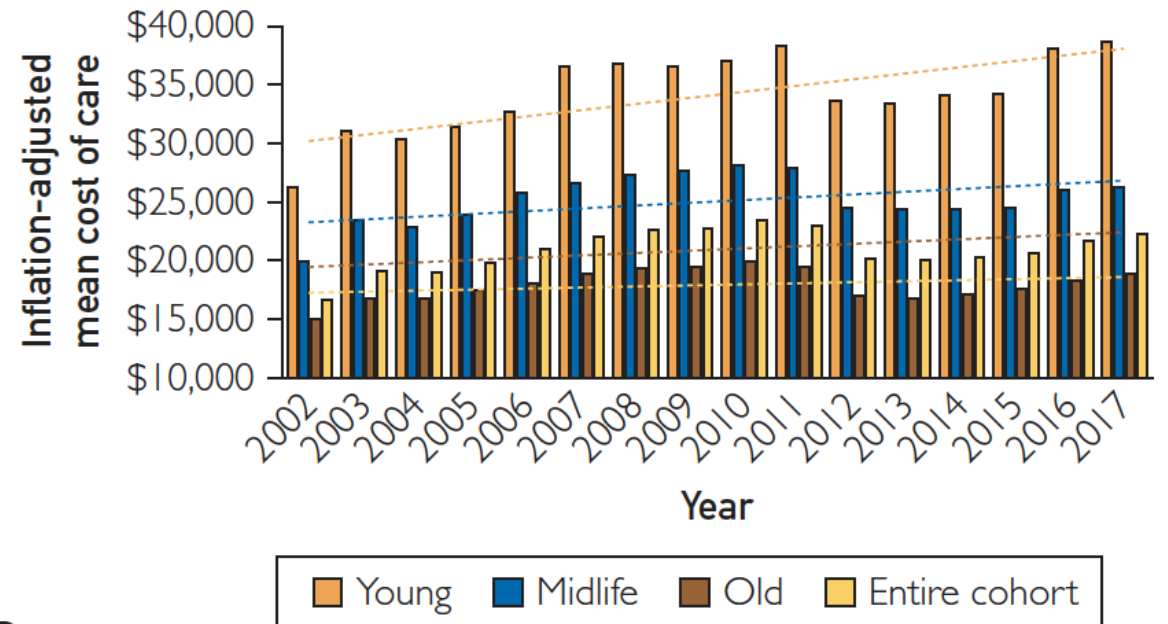
FIGURE 1. Contribution of young, midlife, and older adults in stroke and cost burden in United States.

# COST



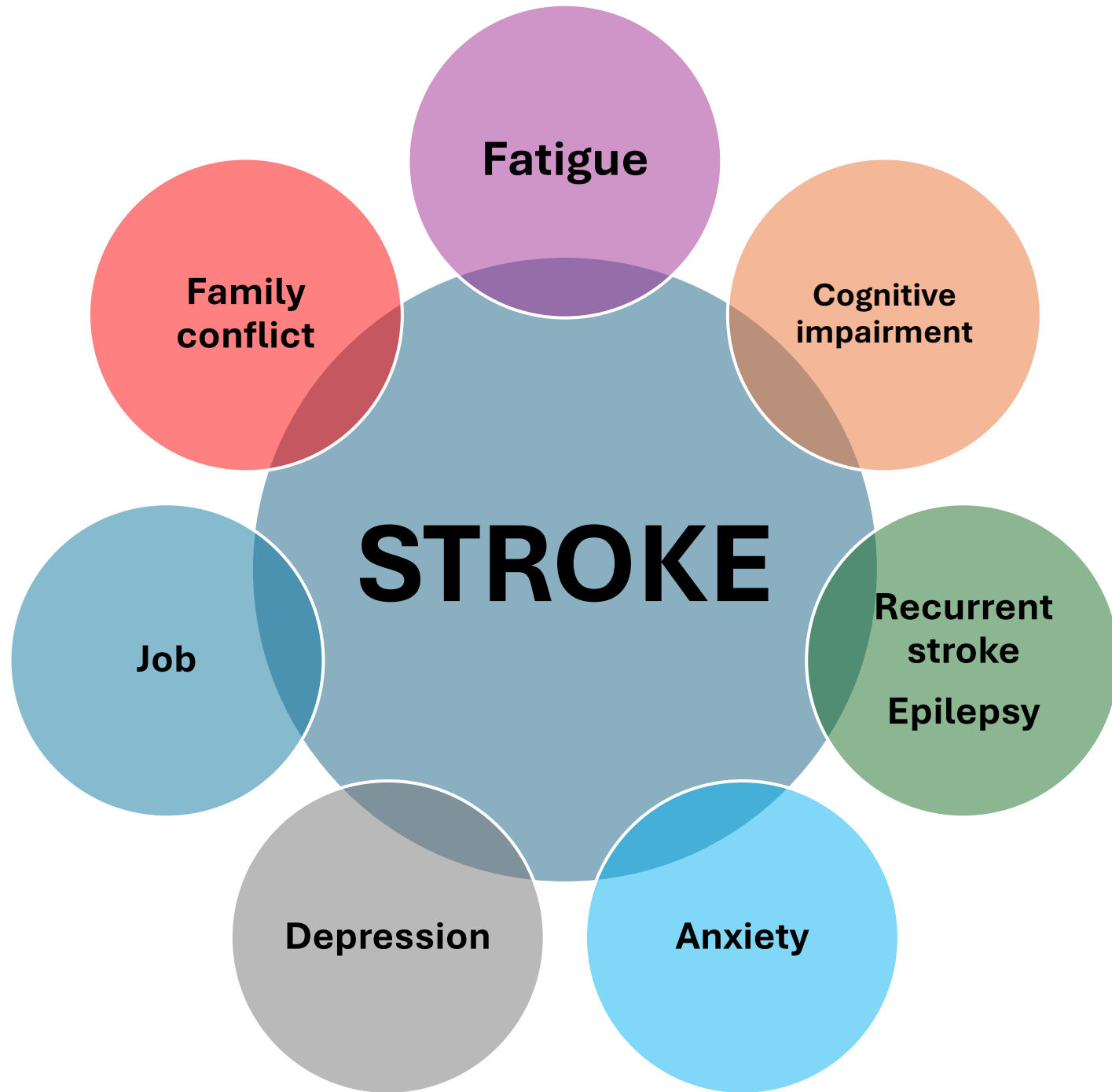
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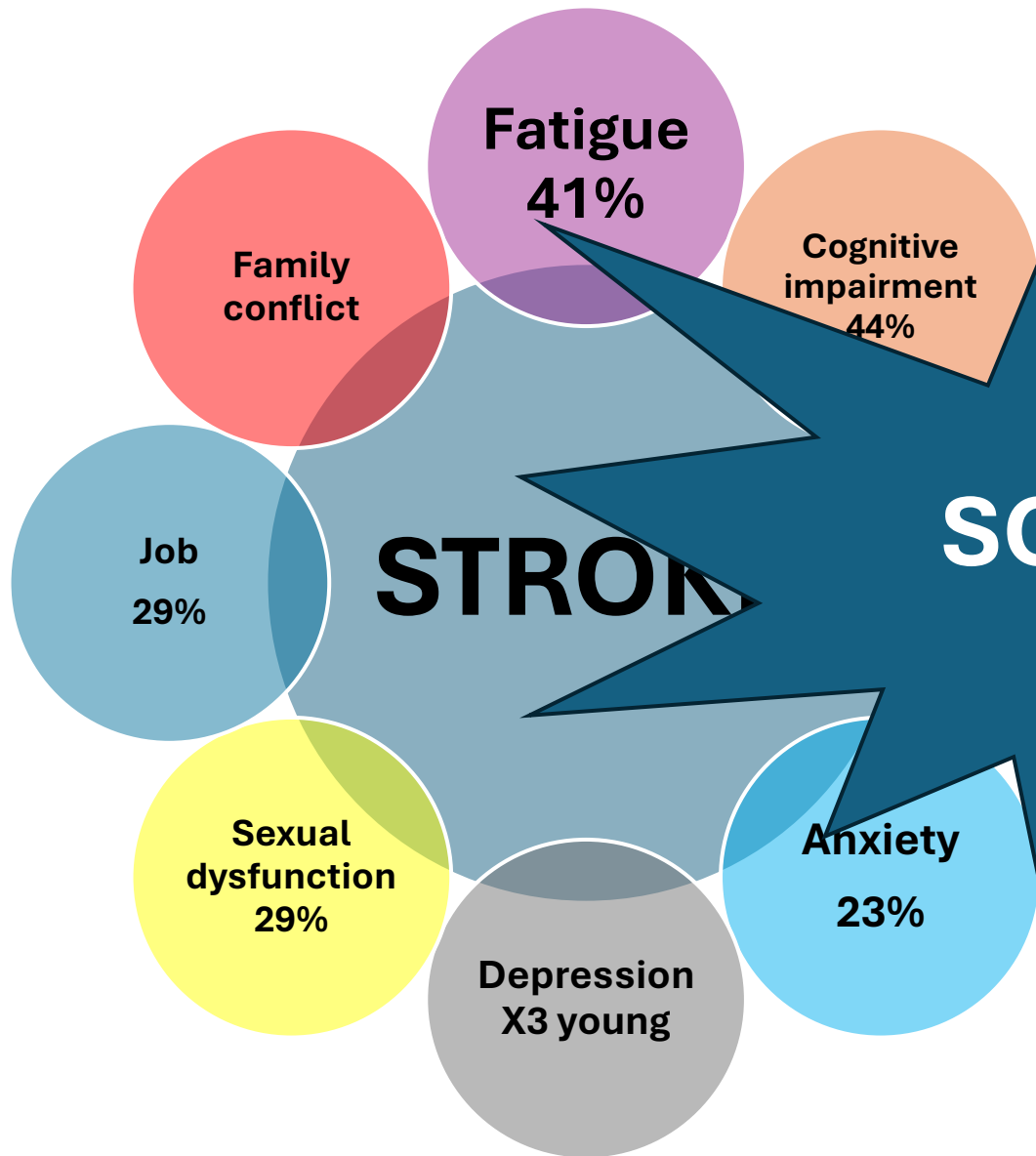
LONGER STAY IN-HOSPITAL



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INCREASE COST OVER THE YEARS





	Risk factors
Anxiety <sup>110</sup>	Lower educational level, history of depression, unemployment, and alcohol consumption
Cognitive impairment <sup>111</sup>	Severe infarctions with haemorrhagic transformation
Cognitive impairment <sup>112,113</sup>	Supratentorial infarction
	Lower educational level and unemployment
	Age (40–50 years), male sex, history of cardioembolic stroke, and existing cause of stroke
	Stroke caused by large-artery atherosclerosis, early onset (age of stroke), cortical involvement, and territory of middle cerebral artery involvement
	Presence of depressive symptoms, anxiety, and recurrent cerebrovascular events
	Age (40–50 years), male sex, history of cardiovascular risk factors, history of cardioembolic stroke, and lacunar stroke
	Male sex, living alone at stroke onset, low income, lower educational level, history of stroke (being drowsy or unconscious on hospital admission), and history of stroke depression
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	High NIHSS at admission, a longer duration of follow-up, female sex, self-employment before stroke, and lower occupational status

NIHSS=National Institutes of Health Stroke Scale.

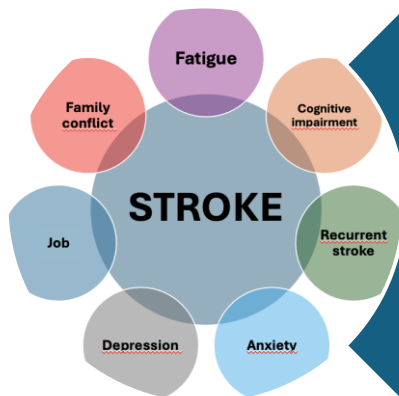
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# CONCLUSION



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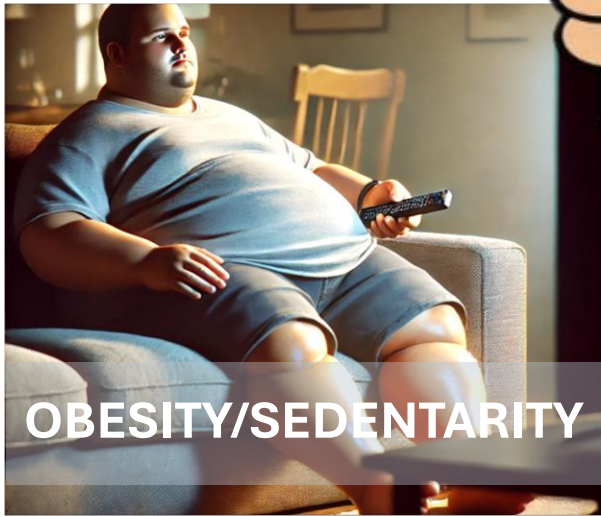
POST STROKE  
MANAGEMENT



HTN



DIABETES



OBESITY/SEDENTARITY

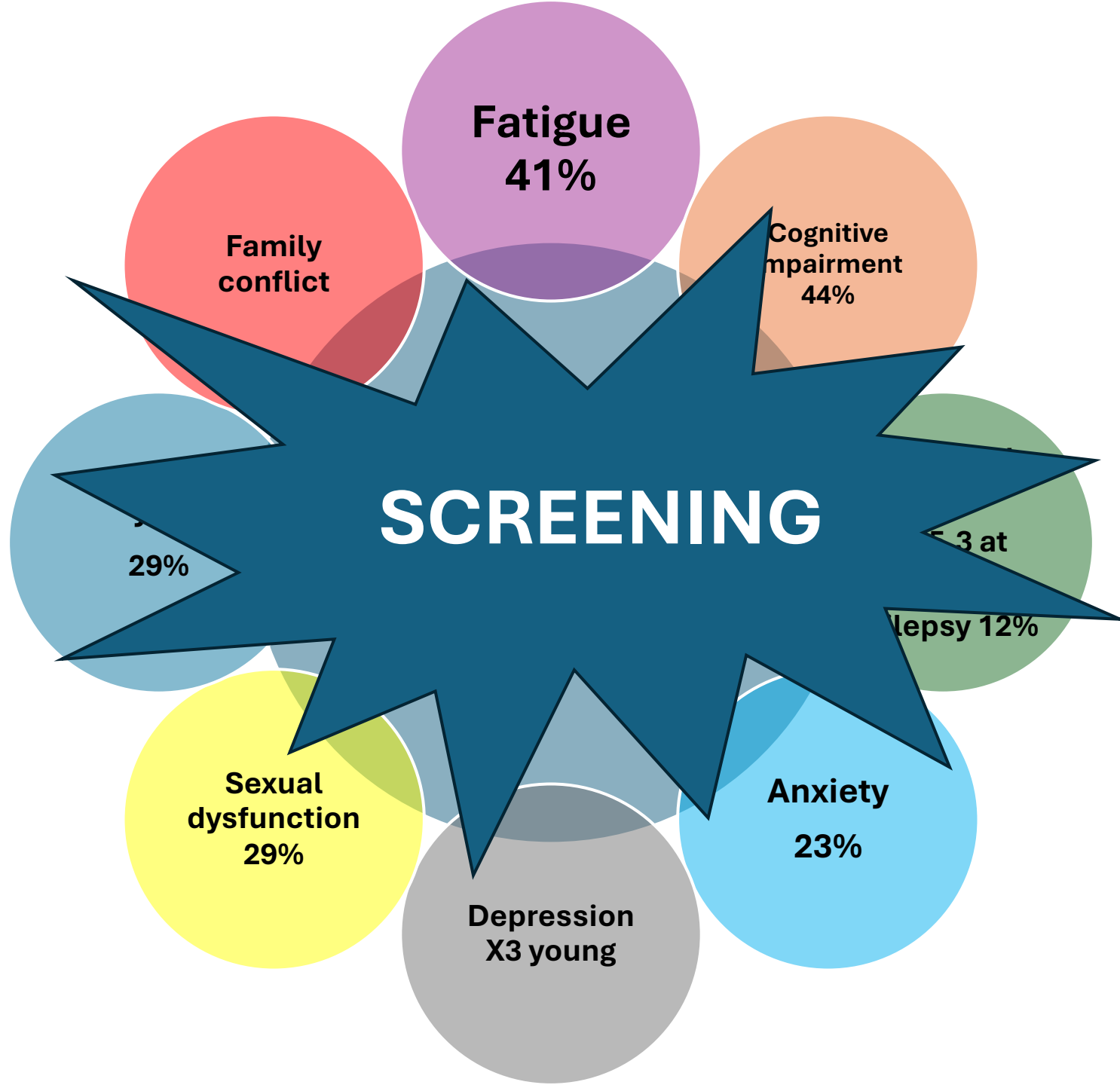


DRUGS



ALCOHOL







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