

# Stroke Fact Sheet



## National Statistics

- Stroke is the leading cause of long-term disability in the United States and worldwide. [4]
- Someone in the United States has a stroke every 40 seconds. [1]
- Every four minutes someone in the United States dies of stroke. [1]
- Every year more than 800,000 people in the United States suffer a stroke. [2]
- Stroke costs the United States an estimated **\$34 billion** each year. [2]
- There are 7 million stroke survivors living in the United States today and two-thirds of them are disabled. [5]

## Global Statistics

- Every 2 seconds, someone, somewhere in the world is having a stroke. [4]
- Worldwide, it is estimated that 6 people die from a stroke every 60 seconds. [4]
- Stroke is the second leading global cause of death behind heart disease. [1]
- Annually, 15 million people suffer a stroke worldwide. [4]

## General Data

- About 40 percent of stroke deaths occur in males, and 60 percent in females. [1]
- Strokes can occur at any age. [1]
- Nearly one quarter of strokes occur under the age of 65. [5]
- 80% of strokes can be prevented! [3]
- Stroke kills twice as many women as breast cancer every year. [2]

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*Sources: 1. American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, 2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 3. National Stroke Association, 4. World Stroke Organization, 5. Stroke Awareness Foundation*