

Stroke Facts / Statistics

- Every 45 seconds someone in America has a stroke
- Every 3 minutes someone dies of stroke
- Stroke is the 3rd cause of death in America
- Stroke is the Number 1 cause of long-term disability
- Stroke kills nearly 163,000 people a year
- Stroke kills 2.5 times as many women as breast cancer
- About 700,000 Americans each year suffer a new or recurrent stroke
- Women account for more than 6 in 10 stroke deaths
- Each year 40,000 more women than men have a stroke
- Women accounted for 61.5% of stroke deaths in 2002
- Stroke is expected to cost the nation nearly \$57 billion in 2005 for related medical costs and disability
- Today, 4.7 million Americans are stroke survivors