

- Stroke is our third leading cause of death, killing nearly 160,000 Americans every year.
- Every year approximately 780,000 Americans have a new or recurrent stroke.
- Over the course of a lifetime, four out of every five Americans families will be touched by stroke.
- Stroke is the largest single cause of neurologic crippling in our nation.
- Approximately one-third of all stroke survivors will have another stroke within five years.
- Of the 570,000 Americans who survive a stroke each year, approximately 10 to 15 percent will have another stroke within one year. The rate of having another stroke is about 10 percent per year thereafter.
- Stroke is one of the leading causes of adult disability. Four million Americans live with some form of stroke disability. About one-third have long-term, severe disability. Another third are moderately impaired and the remaining third are minimally impaired.
- Stroke costs the United States \$36 billion annually. Direct costs, such as hospital care, rehabilitation and disability, add up to \$17 billion. Indirect costs, such as lost productivity, total \$19 billion. The total cost to the nation for the first 90 days post-stroke is \$10 billion. The total cost of the case exceeds \$35,000.

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