



## ADDITIONAL STROKE DATA POINTS

Today's world is data driven! IT IS IMPORTANT TO OUR ADVOCACY THAT THE FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHT THE TREMENDOUS SIZE OF THE STROKE PROBLEM SO THAT IT CAN BE ADDRESSED

You may find some of the statistics surprising as we did.

There are a lot of strokes:

- There were 800,000 strokes in America the last time someone counted a few years ago. With the changing demographics of the population the number of strokes in the US is probably closer to 900,000, a number which will continue to grow during the coming decade.
- 34% of strokes occur in people under 65, 10% are under 50 - that's 80,000 + people. It isn't just a grand-ma and grand-dad disease.
- It is a complex disease – there are many types and intensities of strokes. No two strokes are the same.
- Surprisingly even children have strokes! Pediatric stroke is an issue. 3,000 juveniles had diagnosed strokes. Researchers believe there were at least that many more that went undiagnosed. For many it's just not on the radar!
- Stroke is an orphan disease – falling between cardiology and neurology. Did you ever hear of a strokologist? The Foundation will change that!
- Strokes are scary – it strikes like a tornado – from out of nowhere.
- And there are many millions of Americans, and even more globally, living with the after-effects of past years' strokes.

# Research Dollars are Lacking in Stroke

Research expenditures are deficient in the context of the diagnoses data and the long-term survivor/caregiver lifestyle implications!

- This is particularly the case with rehabilitation research.

## Why is stroke not on this list?

### FEDERAL SPENDING

(National Institutes of Health)

Cancer	\$ 5.42 billion
HIV/AIDS	\$ 3.01 billion
Aging	\$ 2.49 billion
Heart Disease	\$ 1.26 billion
Diabetes	\$ 1.04 billion
Autoimmune Diseases	\$ 838 million
Obesity	\$ 834 million
Breast Cancer	\$ 674 million
Liver Disease	\$ 610 million
Alzheimer's Disease	\$ 566 million
Kidney Disease	\$ 565 million

Source: Centers for Disease Control

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- In the US, there exists an uneven patchwork of stroke care, rehabilitation and other support services which are often difficult to access.
  - Stroke survivor services are very limited and are geographic centric.

**IT'S TIME - JOIN US AS WE CHANGE THE PERCEPTION OF STROKE!**

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