

## Stroke

Stroke is a leading cause of disability and mortality in Australia. Each year an estimated 27,000 people experience their first stroke, which is one every 19 minutes. In 2019 stroke accounted for 5% of all deaths in Australia. It kills more women than breast cancer and more men than prostate cancer. Lifetime risk of stroke and mortality due to stroke is higher in women than men. Two-thirds of people die within a decade of acute stroke. Stroke recurrence is common, with over 40% of people who have a stroke have another one within 10 years. More than 80% of strokes can be prevented.

### Classification

Stroke is called a cerebrovascular accident (CVA) or

### Risk factors

- Vision loss

Death from stroke

Acute management

Prevent on