


Long-term stroke recurrence rates range in different studies from 4% to 14% per year, with aggregate annual estimates of 6% for minor stroke and 9% for major stroke. These rates have been decreasing with the advent of the improved protection strategies outlined above. Recurrent stroke contributes to the burden of dementia and functional decline after stroke. Importantly, cardiac events are also increased in stroke survivors, and pose a major threat of death.

 For a deeper discussion on this topic, please see Chapters 64, "Cardiac Arrhythmias with Supraventricular Origin," and 70, "Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis, and Vascular Biology," in Goldman-Cecil Medicine, 25th Edition.

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