STROKE is an interruption of blood flow to the brain. Without oxygen-rich blood, brain cells die.

Nearly 800,000 strokes occur in the US each year.¹

Types of Stroke

HEMORRHAGIC
Occurs when a weakened blood vessel, like an aneurism, ruptures and spills blood into the brain.

ISCHEMIC
Occurs when a clot or mass blocks a blood vessel, cutting off blood flow to a part of the brain.

13%
87%

About 1/3 of ischemic strokes are classified as cryptogenic, meaning the cause is unknown.²

Finding the cause of a stroke is important because it helps reduce the risk of another stroke.

Possible Hidden Causes

Irregular heartbeat (Atrial Fibrillation)

AFib patients are at a 5x greater risk for stroke.¹

Heart structure problem (such as Patent Foramen Ovale)

Blood clotting disorder (Thrombophilia)

Hardening of the arteries (Large Artery Atherosclerosis)

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