

# The Burden of Stroke in Belgium



Based on the findings of *The Burden of Stroke in Europe* report conducted by King's College London for the Stroke Alliance for Europe

Population: 11,007,020

Healthcare cost of stroke in Belgium = €393.7 million (€35 per capita)

## Treatment landscape:

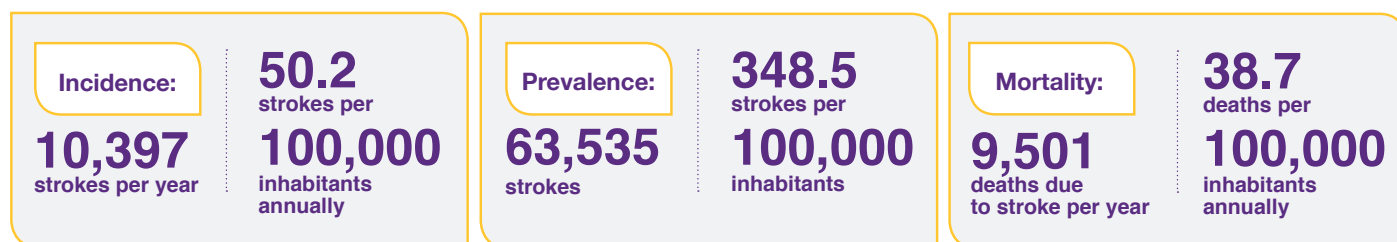
In 2016, The Belgium Stroke Council hosted a stroke awareness campaign. Regular public campaigns are run to increase awareness about recognising stroke symptoms

Rehabilitation is generally well organised in dedicated rehabilitation hospitals/units. Physiotherapy and speech therapy can be provided at home, whereas occupational therapy is only offered in the hospitals

Belgium Heart Rhythm Week included national screening of atrial fibrillation (AF) to increase awareness of AF and stroke

Established national guidelines for acute stroke treatment and the creation of stroke units published by the Belgian Stroke Council

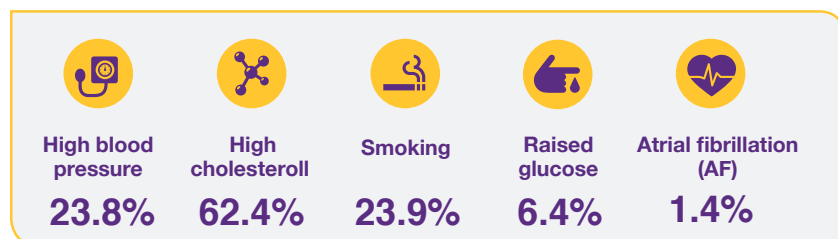
## Stroke in Belgium:



## Estimated increase 2015–2035:



## Risk factor prevalence:



There are regular public health campaigns warning against the consequences of smoking, high blood pressure and diabetes.

## Anticoagulant treatment rates:

According to data, **72%** of AF-patients take oral anticoagulants in Belgium, Denmark, the Netherlands and Norway combined

