

The Burden of Stroke in Finland



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: 5,410,233

Healthcare cost of stroke in Finland = €721.1 million (€132 per capita)

Treatment landscape:

Established national stroke prevention strategy and guidelines and an established stroke code used by medical professionals

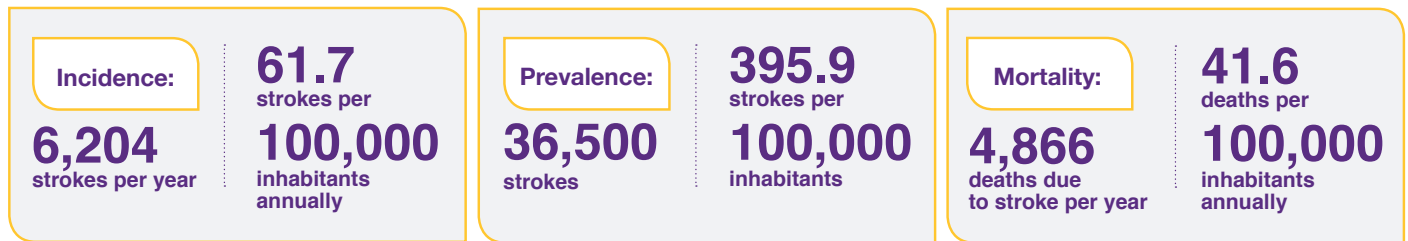
Stroke units in all 5 university hospitals, 16 central hospitals and some district hospitals, plus a 24/7 telestroke service developed by the Helsinki University Central Hospital to 11 other hospitals

The Helsinki Model, a fast track system for suspected stroke, was replicated throughout Finland as a result of its successful reduction in treatment delays

Dedicated transient ischaemic attack (TIA) clinics with immediate/same day evaluation of stroke patients by a stroke specialist

Ambulance staff are trained to screen for stroke symptoms based on a FAST-like evaluation

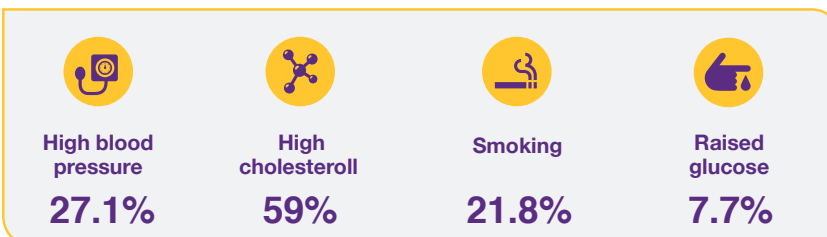
Stroke in Finland:



Estimated increase 2015–2035:



Risk factor prevalence:



There are ongoing public campaigns for primary stroke prevention such as the World Stroke Day campaign.

Anticoagulant treatment rates:

According to data, **55.1%** of atrial fibrillation patients in Finland with a CHADS-VASc score ≥ 2 use oral anticoagulants

