

World Stroke Day: World Stroke Organisation calls for action on prevention as global stroke mortality is predicted to rise by 50%

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The World Stroke Organisation ([WSO](#)) is calling on governments and healthcare systems to implement recommendations on stroke prevention set out in the new WSO-Lancet Neurology Commission report. The Commission report, based on a comprehensive review of survey data, guidelines and expert interviews, projects a 50% rise in strokes that will claim 9.7 million lives a year by 2050. Over 90% of stroke deaths will be in low- and middle-income countries.

Driven by the increased prevalence of stroke risk factors, including hypertension and diabetes among a younger population, the incidence of stroke is increasing in young and middle-aged people (age