

Supplementary table 3. Prevalence of problems relating to transfer of care, communication and other areas reported by patients and carers. ^a

Examples	Study	Comment (source of participants; methodology; response rate; comment)	Time post stroke	Prevalence <i>n</i>	Prevalence %
Transfer of care					
Pre-discharge assessments: using the phone, managing money, shopping and laundry	2000 ²⁸	Hospital admissions; case note audit	6 weeks ^b	38	0–12
Dissatisfaction: discharge preparation	1994 ¹⁷	Hospital stroke register; postal survey using validated Hospsat ^c ; RR = 87%	6 months	120	33
Carers feeling unprepared (information and/or advice)	1992 ¹⁴	Via GP register (54% practices participating); face-to-face; self-report	9 months	94	33
	1992 ¹⁴		18 months	76	72
Communication					
Lack of written information	1994 ¹⁶	Hospital admissions; face-to-face; findings not validated	4 weeks ^b	65	88
			4 weeks ^b	80 ^a	81
Dissatisfaction – benefits information	1994 ¹⁷	See note ^d ; Uses Homesat ^c	6 months	120	32
Unhappy with advice and/or information	2000 ²⁹	Community rehabilitation lists; postal survey – modified Homesat ^c ; RR = 62%	18 months	98	18
Other areas					
Urinary incontinence	2000 ³³	Population-based register; face-to-face interview and postal questionnaire; excludes pre-stroke incontinence; clear definition of incontinence provided	2 years	123	10
Ongoing health concerns	1982 ⁶	Hospital stroke unit; face-to-face interview; self-report	2–3 years	79	40
Falls	1995 ¹⁹	Hospital admissions and participating in concurrent RCT; face-to-face interview; excludes patients with Barthel ADL of 20, <60 years old or in institutional care; self-report	6 months	108	73
	2000 ²⁷		6 months	220	36
			18–30 months	154	45
Shoulder pain	2000 ²⁷	See note ^d ; defined as requiring analgesia on ≥ 2 consecutive days	6 months	220	15
Carer ill-health (headaches, pain, tiredness)	1996 ²¹	Via hospital admissions; face-to-face interview; self-report; excludes carers of patients with SAH, recurrent stroke and living in institutional care	12 months	50	32–48

^aCarer report. ^bPost discharge. ^cValidated satisfaction questionnaire. ^dMethodological details of study provided earlier in table, see appropriate reference. RR = response rate; RCT = randomised controlled trial; ADL = activities of daily living; SAH = sub-arachnoid haemorrhage.