

Supplemental Material

The Nationwide Inpatient Sample (NIS) was developed as part of the Healthcare Cost and Utilization Project and is maintained by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.¹ NIS contains hospitalization data on both patients and hospitals from 45 states using a 20% stratified sample of US community hospitals visits that are sampled to provide national estimates. Stroke visits were identified using ICD-9 CM codes 430.x, 431, 432.x, 433.x1, 434.x1 and 436. Descriptive statistics were used to compare stroke visits by age, race/ethnicity and insurance status taking into account the complex survey weighting. Analyses were performed using Stata 12 (College Station, TX: StataCorp LP).

The National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) is an annual face-to-face survey of on average 85,000 civilian, non-institutionalized persons conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics. NHIS oversamples African Americans and Hispanics. This cross-sectional data was obtained from the Integrated Public Use Microdata Series.² Stroke survivors were identified by the question "Have you ever been told by a doctor or other health professional that you had a stroke?" All respondents over the age of 18 were included. Descriptive statistics were used to describe stroke survivors by age, race/ethnicity, insurance status and disability status taking into account the complex survey weighting.

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