World Stroke Organization

One World Voice for Stroke
The World Stroke Organization (WSO) is the world’s leading global organization in the fight against stroke. Each year, 14 million people suffer from stroke worldwide; of these nearly 5.5 million die and another 5 million are permanently disabled. Stroke is the second leading cause of death and the third leading cause of disability.

With over 3,000 individual members and over 90 society members from 95 countries, being part of WSO connects you to the world’s largest global community of physicians, healthcare professionals, scientific societies, and stroke support organizations.

WSO is in official relations with the World Health Organization (WHO), and has consultative status with the United Nations (UN) Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).
UNITING THE STROKE COMMUNITY

Through our global member network and partnerships we work to unite the stroke community. Our global and regional events bring our members, partners and stroke stakeholders together to share latest research, exchange best practices, drive improvements and advance the stroke policy agenda.

World Stroke Congress
The World Stroke Congress attracts thousands of stroke specialists from across the care continuum each year and offers the latest on clinical trials, state-of-the-art presentations by world-leading clinicians and researchers, and updates on the latest guidelines.

13th World Stroke Congress
28-29 October 2021 VIRTUAL
EDUCATION
AND RESEARCH

World Stroke Academy
The World Stroke Academy provides free, high-quality online stroke education to healthcare professionals around the world as well as premium content for our members. WSA multi-format e-learning modules address state of the art interventions for stroke prevention, diagnosis and acute treatment, patient care and neurorehabilitation. WSA also supports knowledge exchange through its social media platforms and webinar program.

https://world-stroke-academy.org

Journal of Stroke
The International Journal of Stroke (IJS) is the flagship publication of the World Stroke Organization (WSO) and publishes high quality research articles, reviews and clinical trial protocols from around the world. IJS is dedicated to building a global stroke community, making it a global voice for stroke research and an excellent platform for sharing international stroke research.

https://journals.sagepub.com/home/wso
Future Stroke Leaders

Future Stroke Leaders is an initiative of the WSO to develop the technical and research skills of the next generation of stroke professionals. It is a tailored 2-year programme to equip a global cohort of early career clinicians and researchers with in-depth understanding of the key challenges in relation to stroke and how these challenges can be addressed within diverse stroke care systems.

https://www.world-stroke.org/world-stroke-future-leaders

Improving the Quality of Stroke Care

We believe that regardless of the starting point there is always potential to improve the quality of care that stroke patients receive. The WSO Roadmap to Quality Stroke Care provides a guide for institutions to assess their stroke care provision and prioritise actions to improve stroke treatment and care.
STROKE SUPPORT ORGANIZATION CAPACITY STRENGTHENING

Stroke support organizations have an important role to play in raising awareness about stroke facts and risk factors and challenging stigma and discrimination; ensuring meaningful engagement of people affected by stroke in campaigning and advocacy and delivering long term support to stroke survivors and caregivers in the community.

WSO provides capacity strengthening activities for its SSO members including webinars, toolkits, Congress sessions and our online platform Stroke Connector. For information please contact admin@world-stroke.org

ADVOCACY & AWARENESS

WSO is a global voice for stroke professionals, patients and caregivers. Our advocacy goal is to amplify those voices to ensure that stroke gets the level of policy attention and investment that is required to address a world leading cause of disability and death. We provide practical tools, resources and support to our members to help highlight the urgent need for focused action on prevention, treatment and support at national, regional and global policy level.

World Stroke Campaign

We campaign throughout the year in partnership with members and partners to raise public awareness of key issues in stroke. World Stroke Day on Oct 29th is the focal point of our campaign year. We develop campaign materials and resources that address key issues in stroke to help build stroke awareness among the public and to support local policy advocacy for improved stroke prevention, treatment and support.

www.worldstrokecampaign.org
BECOME A MEMBER AND JOIN THE GLOBAL FIGHT AGAINST STROKE!

Fees starting at 25 USD, find out more.

Join now!

SUPPORT US

We are a non-profit organization and rely on support from donors and partners to deliver our programs. You can support our work here: https://www.world-stroke.org/about-wso/make-a-donation

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Our members are elected and represent societies and regions around the world.
For full list please visit the WSO Board and Executive Committee page (https://www.world-stroke.org/about-wso/board-and-executive-committee)