



## Stroke:

- is medically referred to as a cerebral vascular accident (CVA)
  - is the sudden or gradual onset of neurological symptoms caused by a diminished supply of blood to the brain. This can be a result of a lack of blood supply (ischemia) caused either by an embolus (blockage of an artery) or thrombosis (blood clot) or an accumulation of blood within the skull (thrombosis)
  - most commonly occurs after the age of 65
  - can range from small strokes called transient ischemic attacks (TIA), in which symptoms are reversible to major strokes, in which symptoms may be permanent
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## Potential Deficit Areas:

- Area(s) of deficits and severity of symptoms depend on the type and location of the stroke
  - Impaired movement and function affecting one side of the body (hemiplegia or hemiparesis)
  - Visual and perceptual deficits
  - Impaired sensation
  - Impaired cognitive ability
  - Emotional or behavioral changes
  - Speech and swallowing problems
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## Impact on Driving/Transportation:

- A modified vehicle, wheelchair lift or transfer seat may be needed for a person who now requires a scooter or wheelchair for mobility or has difficulty transferring into an unmodified vehicle
  - A driving evaluation will be needed to determine if the person has the cognitive, visual, perceptual and physical ability to return to driving or learn to drive safely. ([www.aded.net](http://www.aded.net))
  - This driving evaluation will determine if the individual will be able to drive or not and what if any type(s), of driving equipment they he/she need.
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## Possible Vehicle Equipment Needs:

- Wheelchair stowage lift and/or transfer seat
- Lowered floor minivan or full size van with a lift
- Adaptive driving equipment specifically recommended for their individual physical abilities and custom fit by a certified technician
- Equipment will vary widely person to person

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