

A stroke is a “brain attack”. It can happen to anyone at any time. It occurs when blood flow to an area of the brain is cut off for a period of time. When this happens, brain cells do not receive oxygen and begin to die. When brain cells die during a stroke, abilities controlled by that area of the brain such as memory and muscle control are lost.

How a person is affected by a stroke depends on where the stroke occurs in the brain and how much of the brain is damaged. For example, someone who had a small stroke may only have minor problems such as temporary weakness of an arm or leg. People who suffer a larger stroke may be permanently paralyzed on one side of their body or lose the ability to speak. Some people recover completely from stroke, but more than 2/3 of survivors will have some type of disability.

Common problems following a stroke include:

- Pain
- Poor balance
- Muscle weakness
- Tight, stiff muscles
- Paralysis
- Bladder and bowel control issues
- Swallowing problems
- Cognitive problems
- Communication problems
- Depression

BLACKBURN'S staff will match patients' needs with the proper equipment and supplies that allow them to continue their current activity level at home.

The following list is an example of equipment and supplies a person might need after suffering a stroke.



For local support resources, contact

www.stroke.org

Medical Supplies

Incontinent Supplies
Urological Supplies
Enteral & Supplemental Nutrition

Mobility Equipment

Scooters, Walkers & Rollators
Canes & Crutches
Standard & Complex:
Manual or Power Wheelchairs
Assistive Technology Professionals (ATPs)

Home Accessibility

Stair Lifts
Vertical Platform Lifts
Portable & Modular Ramp Systems
Certified Environmental Access Consultant
(C.E.A.C)

Rehabilitation

Shower Chairs
Bedside Comodes
Grab Bars
Environmental Control Units

Pharmacy

Prescription Medications
Pharmacist Consultations

Retail Showroom

Aids for Daily Living
Anti-Embolish Stockings
Wrist & Leg Bracing
Power Lift Chair

Support Surfaces

Low-Air Loss Mattress
Wheelchair Cushions

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