In-patient Hospital Costs of Stroke: A Focused Literature Review
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**METHODS**

**Background**

- Stroke is the 4th leading cause of mortality worldwide, with increasing incidence in high-income countries.

**Objectives**

- To determine the economic perspective employed, and presentation of cost results (local currencies or transformations to US $), which made direct comparisons difficult.

**Results**

- Of the 22 studies included, 8 measured costs from a societal perspective, 6 from a healthcare perspective, and 2 from both perspectives.

- The economic perspective employed was patient perspective (21%), healthcare provider perspective (18%), and both perspectives (13%).

**Conclusions**

- A more standardized approach to evaluating in-patient costs of stroke is warranted.

**References**