Despite the unevenness of dedicated training in stroke, 94% (32/34) of neurology residents were satisfied with their training in stroke. All trainees were comfortable or very comfortable with their knowledge of the modifiable risk factors for stroke and 91% (31/34) and 94% (32/34) were comfortable or very comfortable with the indications for anticoagulation and carotid endarterectomy, respectively. In addition, 74% of residents who had administered thrombolysis, stated they would be comfortable administering thrombolysis independently in the future.

Some trainees may have acquired additional knowledge by attending the annual Canadian Stroke Consortium residents course (www.strokeconsortium.ca), which has taken place for the past six years. However, it is striking that despite the inadequacy of cerebrovascular training in most programs, the great majority of residents were satisfied with it. If they only knew what they do not know. Given the increasing prevalence of cerebrovascular diseases and the fact that stroke is both treatable and preventable, this situation calls for redress.

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