406 Publications

76 studies were relevant to stroke in Iran (14 in PubMed, 55 from IranMedex, 7 from University index libraries)

47 articles/medical thesis provided data on the burden of stroke (5 from PubMed, 42 from IranMedex and Index libraries)

29 studies excluded because they did not provide epidemiological/risk factor data on stroke, studies were based on individual risk factor analysis, duplicated or studies on venous sinus thrombosis

34 studies did not meet our inclusion criteria (mostly with no clear definition of stroke)

13 studies were included

Official data from the Ministry of health, which was excluded