

Stroke-unit care for acute stroke patients: an observational follow-up study *Lancet* 2007; 369: 299–305

	Patients in stroke unit (n=4936)	Patients in control wards (n=6636)	Intra-class correlation coefficient
Age (years)	72 (12.9)	76 (12.2)	0.038
Men	2590 (52%)	3195 (47%)	0.001
Admission within 6 h	1926 (39%)	2526 (36%)	0.168
Intracranial haemorrhage	412 (7%)	859 (13%)	0.214
Atrial fibrillation	794 (16%)	1280 (19%)	0.034
Systolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	159 (28.9)	164 (37.4)	0.022
Diastolic blood pressure (mm Hg)	87 (14.4)	90 (14.4)	0.043
Unconsciousness	675 (13%)	1303 (20%)	0.034
Unconsciousness or motor impairment	3297 (70%)	4576 (69%)	0.066
Aphasia	1307 (25%)	1819 (26%)	0.042
Length of stay in hospital (days)	12 (11.3)	12 (12.2)	0.070

* Adjusted for hospital clusters. Data are mean (SD) or number (%).

Table 1: Distribution of baseline characteristics