Stroke-Side Detection Model Training

This notebook documents the process of training and evaluating machine learning models to detect stroke-related facial asymmetry. The goal is to identify which side of the face is affected by the stroke using manually labeled facial images. These models are part of a larger system intended to run on a rehabilitation robot to monitor patient facial expressions during exercises.

In [7]:
```
import os
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt

from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
from sklearn.metrics import classification_report, confusion_matrix

import tensorflow as tf
from tensorflow.keras.preprocessing.image import ImageDataGenerator
from tensorflow.keras.applications import MobileNetV2
from tensorflow.keras import layers, models, optimizers
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import EarlyStopping

import seaborn as sns
```

Baseline Performance

Load Labels

We begin by loading the CSV file containing the manually annotated labels for stroke-side detection. Each image is labeled as either `left` or `right`, indicating the affected side.

In [9]:
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labels_df = pd.read_csv("labels.csv")

labels_df.head()
```

Out[9]:

	filename	label
0	aug_0_1006.jpg	right
1	aug_0_1012.jpg	right
2	aug_0_1015.jpg	left
3	aug_0_1019.jpg	right
4	aug_0_1028.jpg	left

Image Preprocessing Setup

We set up directories and define helper functions to manage image copying and organization. Images are resized and prepared for input into the neural networks.

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In [11]: labels_df['label'].value_counts()
```

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Out[11]: label
         right    97
         left     97
         skip     31
         Name: count, dtype: int64
```

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In [26]: import shutil

         # Path to your actual images
         IMAGE_DIR = "stroke_data"

         # Only keep labeled rows (no "skip")
         filtered_df = labels_df[labels_df['label'].isin(['left', 'right'])]

         # Train/val split
         train_df, val_df = train_test_split(
             filtered_df,
             test_size=0.3,
             stratify=filtered_df['label'],
             random_state=42
         )

         # Create folders for train/val split
         def prepare_folders(base_dir="stroke_model_data"):
             for split in ['train', 'val']:
                 for label in ['left', 'right']:
                     path = os.path.join(base_dir, split, label)
                     os.makedirs(path, exist_ok=True)

             return os.path.join(base_dir, "train"), os.path.join(base_dir, "val")

         train_path, val_path = prepare_folders()
```

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In [30]: # Helper function to copy images
         def copy_images(df, target_dir):
             for _, row in df.iterrows():
                 src = os.path.join(IMAGE_DIR, row['filename'])
                 dst = os.path.join(target_dir, row['label'], row['filename'])
                 if os.path.exists(src):
                     shutil.copyfile(src, dst)

         # Copy the images
         copy_images(train_df, train_path)
         copy_images(val_df, val_path)

         # Sanity check — how many images per category
         {
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    'train_left': len(os.listdir(os.path.join(train_path, 'left'))),
    'train_right': len(os.listdir(os.path.join(train_path, 'right'))),
    'val_left': len(os.listdir(os.path.join(val_path, 'left'))),
    'val_right': len(os.listdir(os.path.join(val_path, 'right'))),
}
```

Out[30]:

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{'train_left': 75, 'train_right': 85, 'val_left': 41, 'val_right': 45}
```

In [52]:

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# Image size and batch config
IMAGE_SIZE = (224, 224)
BATCH_SIZE = 16

# Rescale pixel values to [0, 1]
train_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255)
val_datagen = ImageDataGenerator(rescale=1./255)

# Load train and validation images
train_generator = train_datagen.flow_from_directory(
    train_path,
    target_size=IMAGE_SIZE,
    batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
    class_mode='binary'
)

val_generator = val_datagen.flow_from_directory(
    val_path,
    target_size=IMAGE_SIZE,
    batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
    class_mode='binary'
)
```

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Found 160 images belonging to 2 classes.
Found 86 images belonging to 2 classes.
```

Building the MobileNetV2-Based Classifier

In this step, we load the pre-trained MobileNetV2 model as the backbone of our classifier. MobileNetV2 is a lightweight convolutional neural network that has been pre-trained on the ImageNet dataset. By setting include_top=False, we exclude the original classification head so that we can replace it with a custom one suited for our binary classification task — detecting whether the left or right side of the face is affected.

We freeze the base model to prevent its weights from being updated during training. This allows us to benefit from the learned feature representations while only training the newly added layers. Our custom classification head consists of a global average pooling layer to reduce the spatial dimensions, followed by a dense layer with ReLU activation, a dropout layer for regularization, and a final output layer with a sigmoid activation function to produce a probability for binary classification.

The model is compiled using the Adam optimizer with a low learning rate, binary cross-entropy loss (suitable for binary output), and accuracy as the performance metric. This setup allows us to fine-tune a lightweight and efficient classifier specifically tailored to stroke-side detection.

In [54]:
```python
# Load the base MobileNetV2 model
base_model = MobileNetV2(
    input_shape=(224, 224, 3),
    include_top=False,
    weights='imagenet'
)

# Freeze the base model to use pretrained features
base_model.trainable = False

# Add a custom classification head
model = models.Sequential([
    base_model,
    layers.GlobalAveragePooling2D(),
    layers.Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    layers.Dropout(0.3),
    layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')  # Binary classification
])

# Compile the model
model.compile(
    optimizer=optimizers.Adam(learning_rate=0.0001),
    loss='binary_crossentropy',
    metrics=['accuracy']
)

# Show summary
model.summary()
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Model: "sequential_2"

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┃ Layer (type)                      ┃ Output Shape            ┃        Par
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│ mobilenetv2_1.00_224              │ (None, 7, 7, 1280)      │      2,257
│ (Functional)                      │                         │
├───────────────────────────────────┼─────────────────────────┼───────────
│ global_average_pooling2d_2        │ (None, 1280)            │
│ (GlobalAveragePooling2D)          │                         │
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│ dense_4 (Dense)                   │ (None, 64)              │         81
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│ dropout_2 (Dropout)               │ (None, 64)              │
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│ dense_5 (Dense)                   │ (None, 1)               │
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 Total params: 2,340,033 (8.93 MB)
 Trainable params: 82,049 (320.50 KB)
 Non-trainable params: 2,257,984 (8.61 MB)
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Training the Model with Early Stopping

To train the model effectively while avoiding overfitting, we use early stopping. This technique monitors the validation performance during training and stops the process if it stops improving. Specifically, we set patience=3, which means the training will stop if the validation loss does not improve for three consecutive epochs. The parameter restore_best_weights=True ensures that the model reverts to the weights from the epoch with the best validation performance.

We then train the model using the training and validation data generators. The model is trained for up to 10 epochs, but early stopping may halt training earlier if no further improvement is detected. This approach helps the model generalize better to unseen data and prevents it from overfitting to the training set.

In [56]:
```python
# Add early stopping to prevent overfitting
early_stop = EarlyStopping(patience=3, restore_best_weights=True)

# Train the model
history = model.fit(
    train_generator,
    validation_data=val_generator,
    epochs=150,
    callbacks=[early_stop]
)
```

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Epoch 1/150
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages/keras/src/trainers/data_adapter
s/py_dataset_adapter.py:121: UserWarning: Your `PyDataset` class should call
`super().__init__(**kwargs)` in its constructor. `**kwargs` can include `wor
kers`, `use_multiprocessing`, `max_queue_size`. Do not pass these arguments
to `fit()`, as they will be ignored.
  self._warn_if_super_not_called()
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10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 4s 241ms/step - accuracy: 0.5115 - loss: 0.8270 -
val_accuracy: 0.5116 - val_loss: 0.6957
Epoch 2/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 169ms/step - accuracy: 0.5406 - loss: 0.7312 -
val_accuracy: 0.5233 - val_loss: 0.6877
Epoch 3/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 167ms/step - accuracy: 0.5837 - loss: 0.6994 -
val_accuracy: 0.5349 - val_loss: 0.6775
Epoch 4/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 180ms/step - accuracy: 0.6407 - loss: 0.6469 -
val_accuracy: 0.5698 - val_loss: 0.6730
Epoch 5/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 175ms/step - accuracy: 0.5327 - loss: 0.6675 -
val_accuracy: 0.5698 - val_loss: 0.6546
Epoch 6/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 171ms/step - accuracy: 0.7003 - loss: 0.6256 -
val_accuracy: 0.5814 - val_loss: 0.6460
Epoch 7/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 173ms/step - accuracy: 0.6598 - loss: 0.6276 -
val_accuracy: 0.5930 - val_loss: 0.6406
Epoch 8/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 178ms/step - accuracy: 0.6711 - loss: 0.6583 -
val_accuracy: 0.6279 - val_loss: 0.6356
Epoch 9/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 172ms/step - accuracy: 0.6923 - loss: 0.5830 -
val_accuracy: 0.6395 - val_loss: 0.6242
Epoch 10/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 189ms/step - accuracy: 0.7487 - loss: 0.5451 -
val_accuracy: 0.6395 - val_loss: 0.6193
Epoch 11/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 184ms/step - accuracy: 0.7329 - loss: 0.5860 -
val_accuracy: 0.6744 - val_loss: 0.6109
Epoch 12/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 191ms/step - accuracy: 0.7591 - loss: 0.5732 -
val_accuracy: 0.6977 - val_loss: 0.6056
Epoch 13/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 182ms/step - accuracy: 0.7169 - loss: 0.5848 -
val_accuracy: 0.7093 - val_loss: 0.6040
Epoch 14/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 183ms/step - accuracy: 0.7463 - loss: 0.5534 -
val_accuracy: 0.7326 - val_loss: 0.5902
Epoch 15/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 184ms/step - accuracy: 0.7554 - loss: 0.5288 -
val_accuracy: 0.7442 - val_loss: 0.5845
Epoch 16/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 179ms/step - accuracy: 0.7454 - loss: 0.5311 -
val_accuracy: 0.7558 - val_loss: 0.5810
Epoch 17/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 172ms/step - accuracy: 0.7540 - loss: 0.5305 -
val_accuracy: 0.7674 - val_loss: 0.5742
Epoch 18/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 174ms/step - accuracy: 0.7716 - loss: 0.5161 -
val_accuracy: 0.7674 - val_loss: 0.5695
Epoch 19/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 184ms/step - accuracy: 0.8083 - loss: 0.4949 -
val_accuracy: 0.7558 - val_loss: 0.5676
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Epoch 20/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 173ms/step - accuracy: 0.8243 - loss: 0.4665 -
val_accuracy: 0.7442 - val_loss: 0.5657
Epoch 21/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 185ms/step - accuracy: 0.7785 - loss: 0.5130 -
val_accuracy: 0.7674 - val_loss: 0.5544
Epoch 22/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 194ms/step - accuracy: 0.8121 - loss: 0.4744 -
val_accuracy: 0.7674 - val_loss: 0.5477
Epoch 23/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 185ms/step - accuracy: 0.8245 - loss: 0.4753 -
val_accuracy: 0.7791 - val_loss: 0.5502
Epoch 24/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 180ms/step - accuracy: 0.7448 - loss: 0.5074 -
val_accuracy: 0.7674 - val_loss: 0.5431
Epoch 25/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 177ms/step - accuracy: 0.8624 - loss: 0.4450 -
val_accuracy: 0.7907 - val_loss: 0.5369
Epoch 26/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 181ms/step - accuracy: 0.8517 - loss: 0.4308 -
val_accuracy: 0.7791 - val_loss: 0.5403
Epoch 27/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 185ms/step - accuracy: 0.8719 - loss: 0.4389 -
val_accuracy: 0.7674 - val_loss: 0.5274
Epoch 28/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 184ms/step - accuracy: 0.8725 - loss: 0.4539 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.5244
Epoch 29/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 175ms/step - accuracy: 0.9422 - loss: 0.4024 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.5230
Epoch 30/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 164ms/step - accuracy: 0.9082 - loss: 0.4002 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.5198
Epoch 31/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 186ms/step - accuracy: 0.8253 - loss: 0.4403 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.5178
Epoch 32/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 184ms/step - accuracy: 0.8068 - loss: 0.4252 -
val_accuracy: 0.8023 - val_loss: 0.5143
Epoch 33/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 182ms/step - accuracy: 0.8865 - loss: 0.3769 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.5072
Epoch 34/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 181ms/step - accuracy: 0.8357 - loss: 0.4406 -
val_accuracy: 0.8023 - val_loss: 0.5024
Epoch 35/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 180ms/step - accuracy: 0.8907 - loss: 0.3889 -
val_accuracy: 0.8023 - val_loss: 0.5004
Epoch 36/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 180ms/step - accuracy: 0.9432 - loss: 0.3776 -
val_accuracy: 0.8023 - val_loss: 0.4978
Epoch 37/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 188ms/step - accuracy: 0.9185 - loss: 0.3864 -
val_accuracy: 0.8023 - val_loss: 0.4928
Epoch 38/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 176ms/step - accuracy: 0.8797 - loss: 0.3790 -
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val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4948
Epoch 39/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 187ms/step - accuracy: 0.9179 - loss: 0.3692 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4974
Epoch 40/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 186ms/step - accuracy: 0.9133 - loss: 0.3600 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4889
Epoch 41/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 175ms/step - accuracy: 0.8622 - loss: 0.4135 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4859
Epoch 42/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 204ms/step - accuracy: 0.9249 - loss: 0.3544 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4851
Epoch 43/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 194ms/step - accuracy: 0.9277 - loss: 0.3640 -
val_accuracy: 0.8023 - val_loss: 0.4862
Epoch 44/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 189ms/step - accuracy: 0.9224 - loss: 0.3376 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4797
Epoch 45/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 182ms/step - accuracy: 0.9095 - loss: 0.3556 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4774
Epoch 46/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 186ms/step - accuracy: 0.9103 - loss: 0.3688 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4758
Epoch 47/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 183ms/step - accuracy: 0.9367 - loss: 0.3183 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4759
Epoch 48/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 191ms/step - accuracy: 0.9211 - loss: 0.3309 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4666
Epoch 49/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 189ms/step - accuracy: 0.9152 - loss: 0.3542 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4695
Epoch 50/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 208ms/step - accuracy: 0.9489 - loss: 0.3087 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4670
Epoch 51/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 194ms/step - accuracy: 0.9481 - loss: 0.2801 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4635
Epoch 52/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 189ms/step - accuracy: 0.9476 - loss: 0.3261 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4679
Epoch 53/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 210ms/step - accuracy: 0.9610 - loss: 0.2956 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4597
Epoch 54/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 207ms/step - accuracy: 0.9298 - loss: 0.2961 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4561
Epoch 55/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 202ms/step - accuracy: 0.9932 - loss: 0.2531 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4552
Epoch 56/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 188ms/step - accuracy: 0.9212 - loss: 0.2740 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4523
Epoch 57/150
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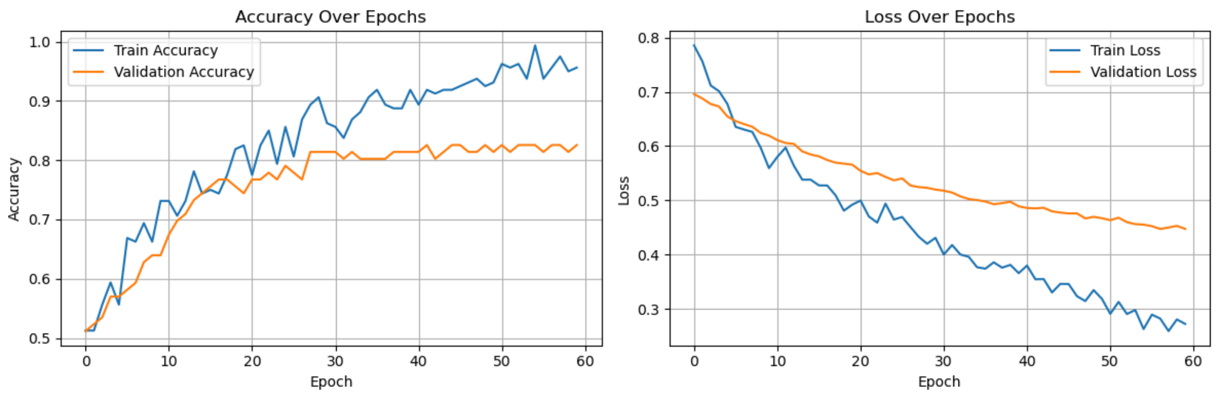
```
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 191ms/step - accuracy: 0.9788 - loss: 0.2639 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4471
Epoch 58/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 184ms/step - accuracy: 0.9870 - loss: 0.2638 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4499
Epoch 59/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 183ms/step - accuracy: 0.9535 - loss: 0.2686 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4529
Epoch 60/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 184ms/step - accuracy: 0.9510 - loss: 0.2704 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4473
```

In [58]:
```python
# Plot accuracy
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))

plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(history.history['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy')
plt.plot(history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Validation Accuracy')
plt.title('Accuracy Over Epochs')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)

# Plot loss
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(history.history['loss'], label='Train Loss')
plt.plot(history.history['val_loss'], label='Validation Loss')
plt.title('Loss Over Epochs')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.legend()
plt.grid(True)

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Training Performance of the Base MobileNetV2 Model

The training and validation accuracy and loss curves shown above represent the performance of the base MobileNetV2 model over 60 epochs.

The accuracy plot on the left shows a strong upward trend in training accuracy, reaching nearly 100% by the final epoch. Validation accuracy also improves significantly in the first 15–20 epochs, stabilizing around 82–84% afterward. The widening gap between training and validation accuracy after epoch 20 suggests that the model continues to learn patterns in the training data but struggles to generalize further to unseen validation samples.

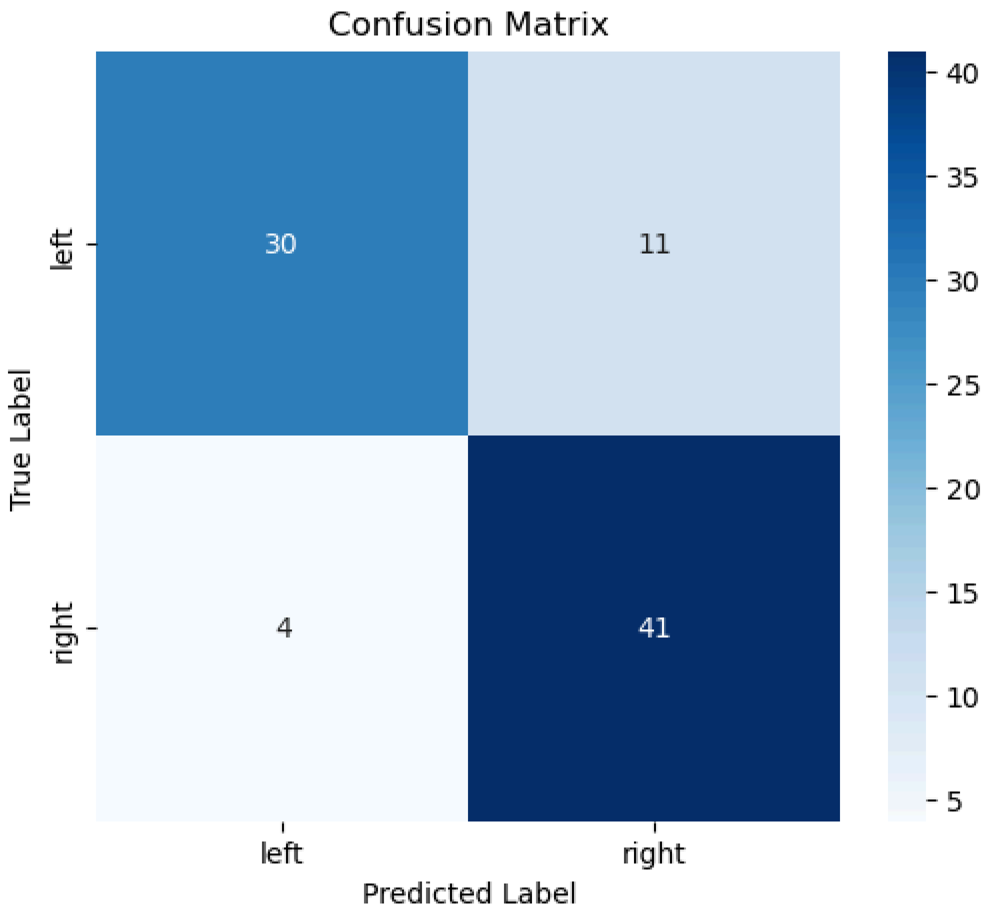
The loss plot on the right mirrors this trend. Training loss steadily decreases throughout, while validation loss decreases at first and then levels off. This pattern indicates that the model is learning effectively, but may be starting to overfit — continuing to improve on the training data while the validation performance stalls.

Despite this mild overfitting, the validation performance remains stable, and the model does not show signs of collapsing or memorizing the data completely. This makes it a strong baseline model for stroke-side classification, especially considering the relatively small dataset and the model's efficiency for deployment on robotic systems.

In [61]:
```
val_eval_generator = val_datagen.flow_from_directory(
    val_path,
    target_size=IMAGE_SIZE,
    batch_size=BATCH_SIZE,
    class_mode='binary',
    shuffle=False  # necessary only here
)

# Predict probabilities
y_pred_prob = model.predict(val_eval_generator)

# Convert probabilities to binary class labels
y_pred = (y_pred_prob > 0.5).astype(int).flatten()

# Get true labels from the generator
y_true = val_eval_generator.classes

# Get class label names (e.g., 'left', 'right')
labels = list(val_eval_generator.class_indices.keys())

# Generate confusion matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred)

# Plot confusion matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 5))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues',
            xticklabels=labels,
            yticklabels=labels)
plt.xlabel("Predicted Label")
plt.ylabel("True Label")
plt.title("Confusion Matrix")
plt.show()

# Print classification report
```

```
print("Classification Report:")
print(classification_report(y_true, y_pred, target_names=labels))
```

```
Found 86 images belonging to 2 classes.
/opt/anaconda3/lib/python3.12/site-packages/keras/src/trainers/data_adapter
s/py_dataset_adapter.py:121: UserWarning: Your `PyDataset` class should call
`super().__init__(**kwargs)` in its constructor. `**kwargs` can include `wor
kers`, `use_multiprocessing`, `max_queue_size`. Do not pass these arguments
to `fit()`, as they will be ignored.
  self._warn_if_super_not_called()
6/6 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 165ms/step
```



```
Classification Report:
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

        left       0.88      0.73      0.80        41
       right       0.79      0.91      0.85        45

    accuracy                           0.83        86
   macro avg       0.84      0.82      0.82        86
weighted avg       0.83      0.83      0.82        86
```

Evaluation Results for the Base MobileNetV2 Model

The confusion matrix and classification report demonstrate that the base MobileNetV2 model performs well on the stroke-side classification task.

According to the confusion matrix, the model correctly predicted 30 out of 41 "left" cases and 41 out of 45 "right" cases. This shows balanced performance across both classes, with particularly high accuracy in identifying "right" stroke cases. Only a small number of samples were misclassified — 11 left-sided strokes predicted as right, and 4 right-sided strokes predicted as left.

The classification report confirms these findings. The overall accuracy is 83%, which is a strong result given the dataset size. The F1-score — which balances precision and recall — is 0.80 for "left" and 0.85 for "right", indicating that the model performs reliably on both categories. Precision for the "left" class is particularly high at 0.88, meaning that when the model predicts "left", it is usually correct. The recall for the "right" class is even stronger at 0.91, showing that the model is highly effective at identifying right-sided strokes.

These results suggest that the base model is not only learning meaningful distinctions in the data but also generalizing well to unseen validation samples. While minor class imbalance effects remain, the model's performance is consistent and well-suited for deployment in a real-world assistive context, such as stroke rehabilitation monitoring on a robotic platform.

Fine-Tuning the Model

After the initial training phase, we proceed with fine-tuning to further improve performance. In this step, we unfreeze the last portion of the base MobileNetV2 model so that those layers can be updated during training. This allows the model to adapt its pre-trained feature representations more closely to the specific task of stroke-side detection.

To prevent the model from forgetting previously learned general features, we only unfreeze the last ~40 layers, while keeping the rest frozen. This strikes a balance between maintaining useful pre-trained knowledge and allowing flexibility for task-specific learning.

Since we’re now updating more layers, we lower the learning rate to 1e-5 to avoid destabilizing the model. We also recompile the model to apply the updated layer trainability.

During this second training phase, we include a ModelCheckpoint callback that automatically saves the model with the highest validation accuracy. This ensures we retain the best-performing version of the model even if later epochs result in overfitting.

Finally, we retrain the model using the same data generators and early stopping mechanism. This fine-tuning step typically results in a modest but meaningful improvement in accuracy, especially when using pre-trained models on small or specialized datasets.

In [64]:
```
# Save base model
model.save("mobilenetv2_base_model.h5")
```

```
WARNING:absl:You are saving your model as an HDF5 file via `model.save()` or
`keras.saving.save_model(model)`. This file format is considered legacy. We
recommend using instead the native Keras format, e.g. `model.save('my_model.
keras')` or `keras.saving.save_model(model, 'my_model.keras')`.
```

In [65]:
```
from tensorflow.keras.callbacks import ModelCheckpoint, EarlyStopping
from tensorflow.keras.models import load_model

# Fine-tuning setup
# Unfreeze the base model to allow fine-tuning
base_model.trainable = True

# Freeze all layers except the last 40 in the base model
for layer in base_model.layers[:-40]:
    layer.trainable = False

# IMPORTANT: Recompile the model after changing layer trainability
model.compile(
    optimizer=optimizers.Adam(learning_rate=1e-5),  # Lower LR for fine-tuni
    loss='binary_crossentropy',
    metrics=['accuracy']
)

# Save best fine-tuned model during training
fine_tune_checkpoint = ModelCheckpoint(
    "mobilenetv2_finetuned_model.h5",  # save as a different file
    monitor='val_accuracy',
    save_best_only=True,
    mode='max',
    verbose=1
)

# Add early stopping for safety
early_stop = EarlyStopping(patience=3, restore_best_weights=True)

# Train with fine-tuning
fine_tune_history = model.fit(
    train_generator,
    validation_data=val_generator,
    epochs=10,
    callbacks=[early_stop, fine_tune_checkpoint]
)
```

```
Epoch 1/10
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 182ms/step - accuracy: 0.6996 - loss: 0.5701
Epoch 1: val_accuracy improved from -inf to 0.81395, saving model to mobilen
etv2_finetuned_model.h5
```

```
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`keras.saving.save_model(model)`. This file format is considered legacy. We
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keras')` or `keras.saving.save_model(model, 'my_model.keras')`.
```

```
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 6s 311ms/step - accuracy: 0.7025 - loss: 0.5692 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.4464
Epoch 2/10
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 165ms/step - accuracy: 0.6710 - loss: 0.6062
Epoch 2: val_accuracy improved from 0.81395 to 0.82558, saving model to mobi
lenetv2_finetuned_model.h5
WARNING:absl:You are saving your model as an HDF5 file via `model.save()` or
`keras.saving.save_model(model)`. This file format is considered legacy. We
recommend using instead the native Keras format, e.g. `model.save('my_model.
keras')` or `keras.saving.save_model(model, 'my_model.keras')`.
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 248ms/step - accuracy: 0.6736 - loss: 0.6051 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4441
Epoch 3/10
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 160ms/step - accuracy: 0.7365 - loss: 0.5678
Epoch 3: val_accuracy improved from 0.82558 to 0.84884, saving model to mobi
lenetv2_finetuned_model.h5
WARNING:absl:You are saving your model as an HDF5 file via `model.save()` or
`keras.saving.save_model(model)`. This file format is considered legacy. We
recommend using instead the native Keras format, e.g. `model.save('my_model.
keras')` or `keras.saving.save_model(model, 'my_model.keras')`.
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 236ms/step - accuracy: 0.7406 - loss: 0.5638 -
val_accuracy: 0.8488 - val_loss: 0.4425
Epoch 4/10
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 168ms/step - accuracy: 0.7863 - loss: 0.4907
Epoch 4: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.84884
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 235ms/step - accuracy: 0.7864 - loss: 0.4885 -
val_accuracy: 0.8372 - val_loss: 0.4414
Epoch 5/10
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 156ms/step - accuracy: 0.8211 - loss: 0.4259
Epoch 5: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.84884
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 220ms/step - accuracy: 0.8215 - loss: 0.4272 -
val_accuracy: 0.8372 - val_loss: 0.4434
Epoch 6/10
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 156ms/step - accuracy: 0.7979 - loss: 0.4607
Epoch 6: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.84884
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 230ms/step - accuracy: 0.8009 - loss: 0.4597 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4439
Epoch 7/10
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 163ms/step - accuracy: 0.8936 - loss: 0.3980
Epoch 7: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.84884
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 233ms/step - accuracy: 0.8913 - loss: 0.3968 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4448
```

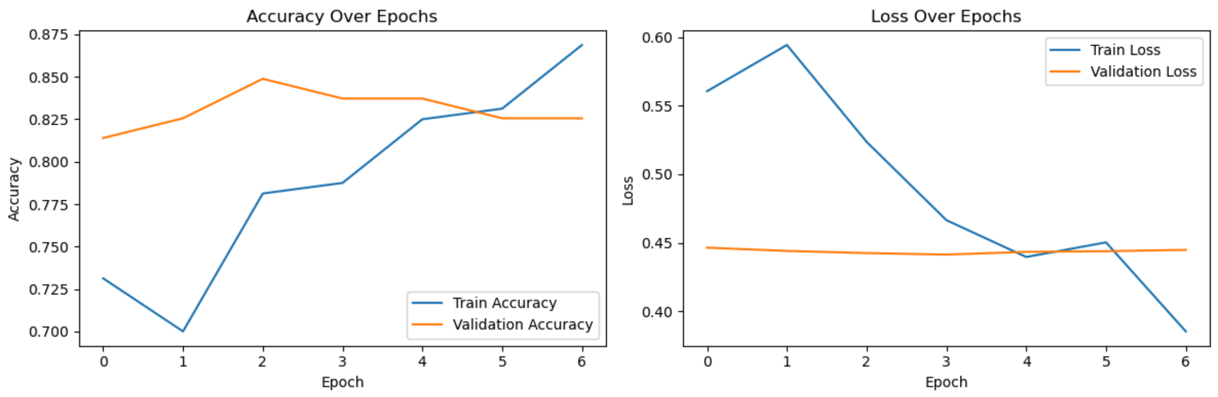
In [68]:
```python
# Use history object from model.fit()
history_data = fine_tune_history.history

# Plot accuracy
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))

plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(history_data['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy')
plt.plot(history_data['val_accuracy'], label='Validation Accuracy')
plt.title('Accuracy Over Epochs')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.legend()

# Plot loss
plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(history_data['loss'], label='Train Loss')
plt.plot(history_data['val_loss'], label='Validation Loss')
plt.title('Loss Over Epochs')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.legend()

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Fine-Tuning Performance over Epoches

The training and validation curves shown above represent the performance of the model after unfreezing and fine-tuning the last 40 layers of the base MobileNetV2 network.

In the accuracy plot (left), we observe that training accuracy improves consistently with each epoch, increasing from approximately 73% to over 87%. This indicates that the model continues to learn more refined features after being partially unfrozen. Validation accuracy also starts strong at around 82% and remains stable throughout the fine-tuning process, peaking early and then plateauing slightly. This stability is a good sign, showing that the model maintains strong generalization despite additional training.

The loss plot (right) provides further confirmation. Training loss decreases significantly across epochs, showing that the model is fitting the training data more closely. Validation loss remains low and relatively flat, indicating that overfitting is not a major concern at this stage. The slight divergence between training and validation loss is expected during fine-tuning, especially when using a low learning rate and a small number of epochs.

Overall, the fine-tuned model shows a modest but meaningful performance gain. It retains high validation accuracy while reducing training loss, suggesting that the model has adapted well to the stroke classification task without compromising its ability to generalize.

In [71]:
```
# Predict probabilities using the fine-tuned model
y_pred_prob = model.predict(val_eval_generator)

# Convert probabilities to class labels (0 or 1)
y_pred = (y_pred_prob > 0.5).astype(int).flatten()

# Get true class labels (from generator, since shuffle=False)
y_true = val_eval_generator.classes

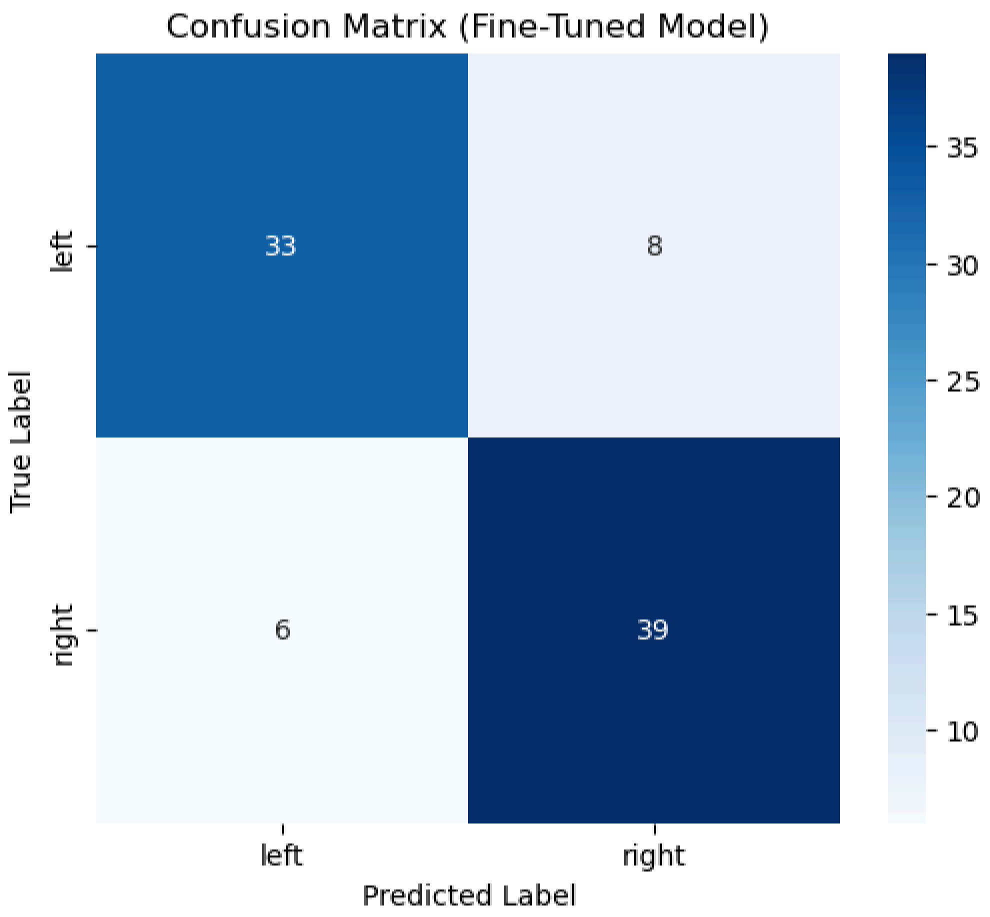
# Get class label names (e.g., ['left', 'right'])
labels = list(val_eval_generator.class_indices.keys())

# Generate confusion matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred)

# Plot confusion matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 5))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues',
            xticklabels=labels,
            yticklabels=labels)
plt.xlabel("Predicted Label")
plt.ylabel("True Label")
plt.title("Confusion Matrix (Fine-Tuned Model)")
plt.show()

# Print classification report
print("Classification Report (Fine-Tuned Model):")
print(classification_report(y_true, y_pred, target_names=labels))
```

```
6/6 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 2s 179ms/step
```



```
Classification Report (Fine-Tuned Model):
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

        left       0.85      0.80      0.82        41
       right       0.83      0.87      0.85        45

    accuracy                           0.84        86
   macro avg       0.84      0.84      0.84        86
weighted avg       0.84      0.84      0.84        86
```

Evaluation of the Fine-Tuned Model

The confusion matrix and classification report of the fine-tuned model demonstrate a clear performance improvement compared to the base model. After unfreezing the final 40 layers of MobileNetV2 and continuing training with a lower learning rate, the model was able to refine its feature representations and generalize slightly better.

In the fine-tuned results, the model correctly classified 33 out of 41 left-sided stroke cases and 39 out of 45 right-sided cases. This is a modest but meaningful improvement over the base model, which had 30 and 41 correct predictions for left and right classes, respectively. Importantly, the number of false positives and false negatives has decreased, especially for the "left" class, which had previously been harder to identify.

Looking at the classification report, the fine-tuned model achieved an overall accuracy of 84%, slightly higher than the base model's 83%. More importantly, the performance between the two classes is now more balanced: the recall for the "left" class increased from 0.73 to 0.80, while the recall for the "right" class held steady at a strong 0.87. This suggests that fine-tuning helped the model become less biased toward the "right" class, which was a concern in the earlier stage.

Both precision and F1-scores also improved or remained stable. The F1-score for "left" increased from 0.80 to 0.82, and for "right" from 0.85 to 0.85, indicating slightly better overall predictive balance and robustness.

While the gains from fine-tuning are not drastic, they are consistent and meaningful, especially considering the small dataset. The improvements in recall for the minority class and reduction in misclassifications are key benefits. This suggests that fine-tuning MobileNetV2 — even for a few epochs — is a worthwhile step when optimizing performance for stroke-side facial classification in real-world applications.

Custom CNN Model

In addition to pre-trained architectures like MobileNetV2, we also construct a custom Convolutional Neural Network (CNN) from scratch to establish a lightweight baseline tailored specifically to our stroke-side classification task. This approach offers full control over the architecture, allowing us to explore how a simple CNN performs without relying on transfer learning.

The model consists of three convolutional layers with increasing filter sizes (32, 64, and 128), each followed by a max-pooling layer to reduce spatial dimensions and extract dominant features. After flattening the feature maps, we include a dense layer with 64 units and ReLU activation, along with a dropout layer to reduce overfitting. The final output layer uses a sigmoid activation function, producing a binary classification output (left or right side affected).

The model is compiled using the Adam optimizer and binary cross-entropy loss, which is standard for binary classification tasks. This CNN serves as a more interpretable and computationally efficient alternative to pre-trained models and acts as a valuable benchmark for comparison in our study.

In [78]:
```
# Build a simple CNN
cnn_model = models.Sequential([
    layers.Input(shape=(224, 224, 3)),

    layers.Conv2D(32, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D(),

    layers.Conv2D(64, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D(),
    layers.Conv2D(128, (3, 3), activation='relu'),
    layers.MaxPooling2D(),

    layers.Flatten(),
    layers.Dense(64, activation='relu'),
    layers.Dropout(0.3),
    layers.Dense(1, activation='sigmoid')  # Binary output
])

# Compile the model
cnn_model.compile(
    optimizer='adam',
    loss='binary_crossentropy',
    metrics=['accuracy']
)

cnn_model.summary()
```

```
Model: "sequential_3"

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┃ Layer (type)                    ┃ Output Shape           ┃       Par
┡━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━╇━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━╇━━━━━━━━━━
│ conv2d (Conv2D)                 │ (None, 222, 222, 32)   │
├─────────────────────────────────┼────────────────────────┼──────────
│ max_pooling2d (MaxPooling2D)    │ (None, 111, 111, 32)   │
├─────────────────────────────────┼────────────────────────┼──────────
│ conv2d_1 (Conv2D)               │ (None, 109, 109, 64)   │        18
├─────────────────────────────────┼────────────────────────┼──────────
│ max_pooling2d_1 (MaxPooling2D)  │ (None, 54, 54, 64)     │
├─────────────────────────────────┼────────────────────────┼──────────
│ conv2d_2 (Conv2D)               │ (None, 52, 52, 128)    │        73
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│ max_pooling2d_2 (MaxPooling2D)  │ (None, 26, 26, 128)    │
├─────────────────────────────────┼────────────────────────┼──────────
│ flatten (Flatten)               │ (None, 86528)          │
├─────────────────────────────────┼────────────────────────┼──────────
│ dense_6 (Dense)                 │ (None, 64)             │     5,537
├─────────────────────────────────┼────────────────────────┼──────────
│ dropout_3 (Dropout)             │ (None, 64)             │
├─────────────────────────────────┼────────────────────────┼──────────
│ dense_7 (Dense)                 │ (None, 1)              │
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 Total params: 5,631,169 (21.48 MB)
 Trainable params: 5,631,169 (21.48 MB)
 Non-trainable params: 0 (0.00 B)
```

In [80]:
```
cnn_checkpoint = ModelCheckpoint(
    "cnn_stroke_model.keras",  # Use .keras format (recommended)
    monitor="val_accuracy",
    save_best_only=True,
    mode="max",
    verbose=1
)

cnn_early_stop = EarlyStopping(
    monitor="val_accuracy",
    patience=3,
    restore_best_weights=True
)

# Train the CNN
cnn_history = cnn_model.fit(
    train_generator,
    validation_data=val_generator,
    epochs=50,
    callbacks=[cnn_checkpoint, cnn_early_stop]
)
```

```
Epoch 1/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 256ms/step - accuracy: 0.4484 - loss: 1.0624
Epoch 1: val_accuracy improved from -inf to 0.51163, saving model to cnn_str
oke_model.keras
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 40s 4s/step - accuracy: 0.4526 - loss: 1.0497 - v
al_accuracy: 0.5116 - val_loss: 0.6912
Epoch 2/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 243ms/step - accuracy: 0.5637 - loss: 0.6886
Epoch 2: val_accuracy improved from 0.51163 to 0.52326, saving model to cnn_
stroke_model.keras
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 296ms/step - accuracy: 0.5619 - loss: 0.6892 -
val_accuracy: 0.5233 - val_loss: 0.6856
Epoch 3/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 245ms/step - accuracy: 0.5940 - loss: 0.6777
Epoch 3: val_accuracy improved from 0.52326 to 0.60465, saving model to cnn_
stroke_model.keras
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 298ms/step - accuracy: 0.5917 - loss: 0.6784 -
val_accuracy: 0.6047 - val_loss: 0.6701
Epoch 4/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 243ms/step - accuracy: 0.6966 - loss: 0.6467
Epoch 4: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.60465
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 288ms/step - accuracy: 0.6929 - loss: 0.6469 -
val_accuracy: 0.5349 - val_loss: 0.7004
Epoch 5/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 257ms/step - accuracy: 0.6319 - loss: 0.6280
Epoch 5: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.60465
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 302ms/step - accuracy: 0.6381 - loss: 0.6265 -
val_accuracy: 0.5349 - val_loss: 0.7668
Epoch 6/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 246ms/step - accuracy: 0.6982 - loss: 0.5563
Epoch 6: val_accuracy improved from 0.60465 to 0.81395, saving model to cnn_
stroke_model.keras
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 301ms/step - accuracy: 0.7024 - loss: 0.5530 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.5012
Epoch 7/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 265ms/step - accuracy: 0.8761 - loss: 0.3592
Epoch 7: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.81395
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 316ms/step - accuracy: 0.8748 - loss: 0.3596 -
val_accuracy: 0.6744 - val_loss: 0.5981
Epoch 8/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 261ms/step - accuracy: 0.8686 - loss: 0.3485
Epoch 8: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.81395
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 308ms/step - accuracy: 0.8715 - loss: 0.3421 -
val_accuracy: 0.6977 - val_loss: 1.1167
Epoch 9/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 277ms/step - accuracy: 0.8784 - loss: 0.3331
Epoch 9: val_accuracy improved from 0.81395 to 0.86047, saving model to cnn_
stroke_model.keras
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 338ms/step - accuracy: 0.8832 - loss: 0.3275 -
val_accuracy: 0.8605 - val_loss: 0.4883
Epoch 10/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 272ms/step - accuracy: 0.9812 - loss: 0.1314
Epoch 10: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.86047
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 322ms/step - accuracy: 0.9778 - loss: 0.1350 -
val_accuracy: 0.8256 - val_loss: 0.4903
Epoch 11/150
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10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 260ms/step - accuracy: 0.9450 - loss: 0.1294
Epoch 11: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.86047
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 305ms/step - accuracy: 0.9466 - loss: 0.1297 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.7218
Epoch 12/150
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 0s 266ms/step - accuracy: 0.9830 - loss: 0.0887
Epoch 12: val_accuracy did not improve from 0.86047
10/10 ━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━━ 3s 313ms/step - accuracy: 0.9823 - loss: 0.0882 -
val_accuracy: 0.8140 - val_loss: 0.8074
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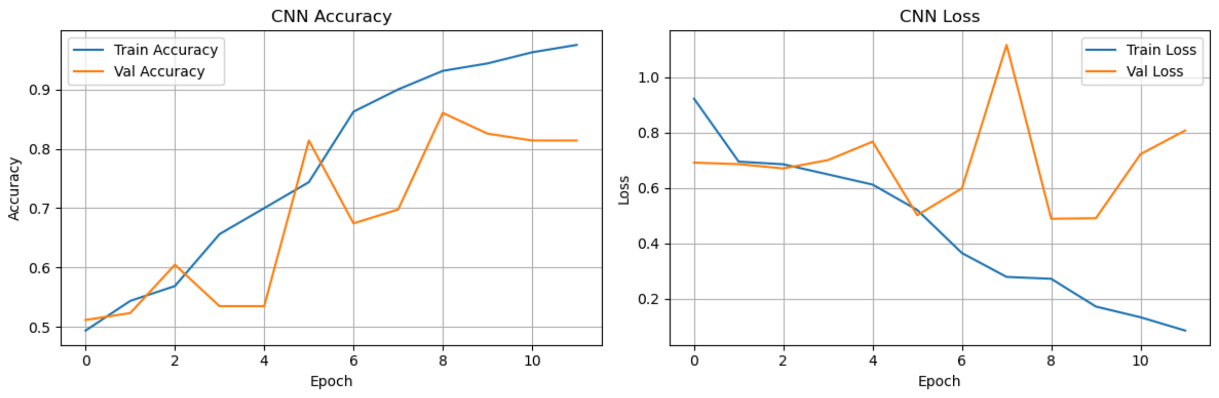
In [82]:
```python
# Plot CNN training history
plt.figure(figsize=(12, 4))

plt.subplot(1, 2, 1)
plt.plot(cnn_history.history['accuracy'], label='Train Accuracy')
plt.plot(cnn_history.history['val_accuracy'], label='Val Accuracy')
plt.title('CNN Accuracy')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Accuracy')
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend()

plt.subplot(1, 2, 2)
plt.plot(cnn_history.history['loss'], label='Train Loss')
plt.plot(cnn_history.history['val_loss'], label='Val Loss')
plt.title('CNN Loss')
plt.xlabel('Epoch')
plt.ylabel('Loss')
plt.grid(True)
plt.legend()

plt.tight_layout()
plt.show()
```



Training Performance of the Custom CNN Model

The plots above show the training and validation accuracy and loss for the custom CNN model over 11 epochs. The accuracy plot on the left indicates that the model is capable of learning meaningful patterns from the data. Training accuracy steadily improves, reaching over 95% by the final epoch. However, validation accuracy fluctuates more heavily, with sharp spikes and dips throughout training. Although it eventually stabilizes above 80%, the inconsistency suggests that the model may not be generalizing as reliably as it appears.

The loss plot on the right reinforces this interpretation. While the training loss decreases smoothly and consistently — a typical sign of successful learning — the validation loss is erratic, with notable spikes (particularly around epoch 7). This instability is a warning sign of overfitting, where the model becomes too specialized to the training data and struggles to perform consistently on unseen samples.

Compared to the fine-tuned MobileNetV2 model, the CNN shows potential but lacks the robustness and stability required for confident deployment. Its high training performance and lower computational demands make it a useful experiment and baseline reference, but the unpredictable validation behavior indicates it would require further tuning (e.g., regularization, more data, or early stopping) to be reliably used in practice.

In [85]:
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# Step 1: Predict probabilities using the trained CNN model
y_pred_prob = cnn_model.predict(val_eval_generator)

# Step 2: Convert to class labels (0 or 1)
y_pred = (y_pred_prob > 0.5).astype(int).flatten()

# Step 3: Get the true labels from the evaluation generator
y_true = val_eval_generator.classes

# Step 4: Get class names
labels = list(val_eval_generator.class_indices.keys())

# Step 5: Generate confusion matrix
cm = confusion_matrix(y_true, y_pred)

# Step 6: Plot confusion matrix
plt.figure(figsize=(6, 5))
sns.heatmap(cm, annot=True, fmt='d', cmap='Blues',
            xticklabels=labels,
            yticklabels=labels)
plt.xlabel("Predicted Label")
plt.ylabel("True Label")
plt.title("Confusion Matrix (CNN Model)")
plt.show()

# Step 7: Print classification report
print("Classification Report (CNN Model):")
print(classification_report(y_true, y_pred, target_names=labels))
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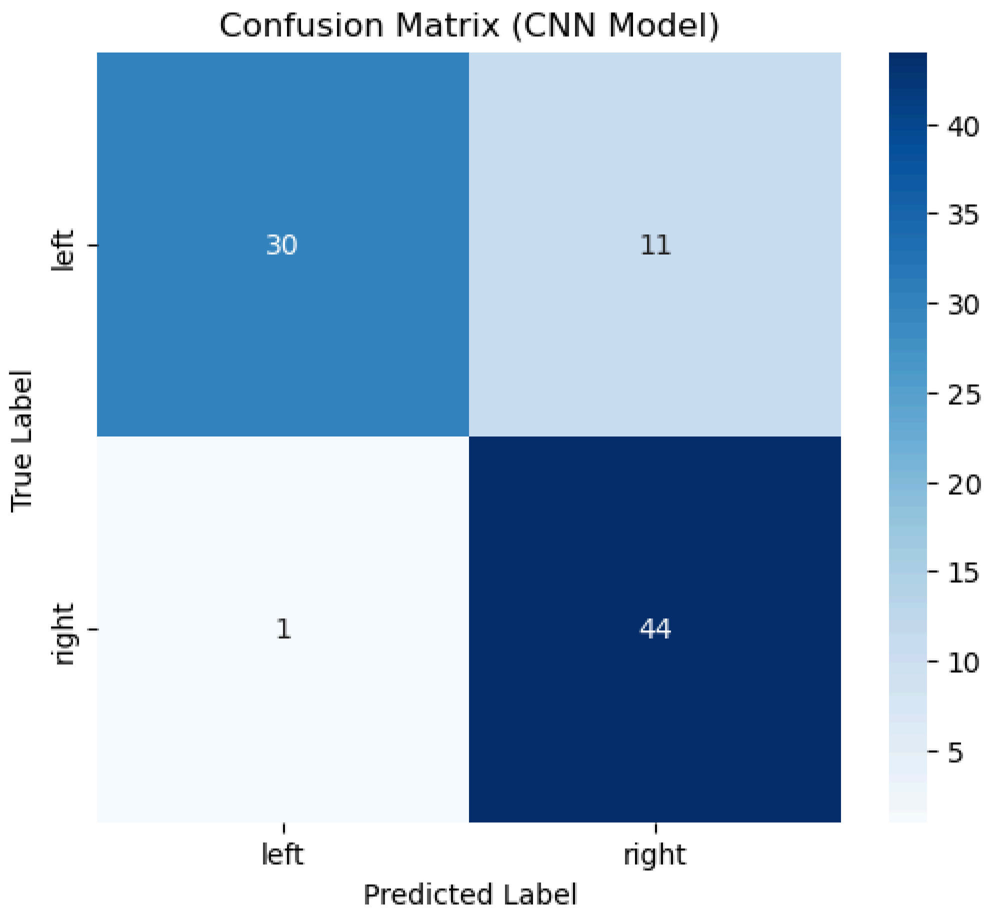

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Classification Report (CNN Model):
              precision    recall  f1-score   support

        left       0.97      0.73      0.83        41
       right       0.80      0.98      0.88        45

    accuracy                           0.86        86
   macro avg       0.88      0.85      0.86        86
weighted avg       0.88      0.86      0.86        86
```

Evaluation of the Custom CNN Model

The confusion matrix and classification report reveal that the custom CNN model achieves a solid overall accuracy of 86%, which is on par with the fine-tuned MobileNetV2 model. However, a deeper look into the class-level metrics reveals important trade-offs in its performance.

The CNN demonstrates excellent performance in predicting right-sided stroke cases, achieving a recall of 0.98 and an F1-score of 0.88. This suggests that nearly all right-labeled samples were correctly classified. On the other hand, its performance on left-sided cases is more problematic. Although the precision is very high (0.97) — meaning that when it predicts "left", it's usually correct — the recall is only 0.73, indicating that it fails to identify a significant portion of actual left-sided cases. This imbalance is visually reflected in the confusion matrix, where 11 of the 41 left-sided examples are misclassified as right.

Compared to the base MobileNetV2 model, which reached 83% accuracy and had slightly better balance across classes, and the fine-tuned MobileNetV2 model, which also reached 84% accuracy with improved stability, the CNN performs similarly in terms of raw accuracy but shows more class-specific variation. In fact, its extremely high precision on the "left" class likely comes at the cost of missing some true positives — a typical sign of confidence without coverage.

These variations point to a key influence: the dataset itself. The training set appears to be relatively small and likely somewhat imbalanced in subtle visual characteristics between left and right classes. For example, if the dataset has more consistent or clearer facial asymmetry in right-sided cases, simpler models like this CNN might overfit or bias toward those visual features. Additionally, the validation loss curve during training showed noticeable fluctuations, suggesting that the CNN is more sensitive to noise or variation in the data, which might explain the drop in recall for the minority class.

In summary, while the custom CNN model delivers competitive results, its class-level behavior shows signs of bias and limited generalization. It performs very well on confident predictions but may lack the robustness of deeper, pre-trained architectures when handling subtle or ambiguous facial asymmetries. This highlights the importance of not just looking at overall accuracy, but also at per-class recall and precision, especially in medical applications where false negatives can have significant consequences.