

Stroke and its consciousness on memory

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Abstract

This review provides a theoretical overview of the diversity of stroke effects on consciousness and memory. It explores the neurological basis of these deficits, citing recent cognitive neuroscience and neuropsychology research. The review discusses the types of strokes and their varied locations in the brain, as well as the wide range of cognitive, or thinking, deficits which results from stroke. It also deep dives into the intricate relationship between consciousness and memory, as disruptions in consciousness seem to shift the manner in which various types of memories are encoded, retained, and recalled. The review closes with main recommendations that highlight areas with potential for future investigation, before concluding with clinically relevant implications of the findings for patient-specific care and rehabilitation strategies.

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1. Introduction

Stroke and abrupt cessation of blood flow to the brain, can lead to a broad range of disturbances of consciousness, from mild, transient confusion to deep, lasting coma. The degree of consciousness deficits due to stroke and their specific nature are inextricably related to which area of the brain is damaged and how much of that area is damaged (Mashour et al., 2020). Ischemic strokes due to blockage of a blood vessel, and hemorrhagic strokes due to bleeding in the brain, can have a major impact on consciousness depending on which regions of the brain are affected (Izumi et al., 2018). Dysfunction to the reticular activating system (RAS) in the brainstem, an essential circuit for sustaining arousal and wakefulness, can result in coma or vegetative states, which are defined by the absence of awareness and responsiveness (Naccache, 2018). Similar lesions in other parts of the brain, like in the thalamus or some of the cortex, can produce a disturbance of consciousness and various degrees of altered awareness, from confusion to higher-order cognitive deficits.

Additionally, stroke-related memory deficits can be profound and persistent, and significantly impact the life of a stroke survivor. The memory impairments are contingent on the types, affected extent and sites of brain lesions. For example, damage to the hippocampus, critical for new forming new memories, can result in anterograde amnesia, or the inability to form new long-term memories post-stroke (Flores & Liester, 2024). If other medial temporal lobe structures are damaged, both episodic memory (personal experiences) and semantic memory (general knowledge) frontal lobe lesions cause deficits in working memory, which is the

cognitive system responsible for temporarily storing and transforming information needed to carry out complex cognitive tasks (Diamond & Ling, 2016; Axmacher & Fell, 2012). These lesions in the frontal lobe also affect executive functions important for the efficient encoding, retrieval and manipulation of information in memory. The exact type of memory as episodic, semantic, procedural, impaired depends significantly on the exact location of the stroke in the brain where this illustrates the intricate interaction between brain structure and cognitive function (Dunlosky & Tauber, 2016).

On the other hand, consciousness is intimately related to memory, as conscious events are critical for learning, rehearsal, and retrieval processes (Franklin et al., 2005). Within this neural web lies the greatest memory storage system providing the foundation for our consciousness, language, and skills (Thompson & Madigan, 2013). Studies have shown complex interactions of performance of tasks, retrieval strategies, and awareness states in memory. When such consciousness is witnessed, it can be further broken down into recollective experiences and often simply referred to as remembering, and familiar feelings (Richardson-Klavehn et al., 1996). The IDA computational model of cognition based on global workspace theory elucidates the manner in which consciousness interacts with perceptual, transient episodic, and procedural memory systems (Franklin et al., 2005). Conversely, breakthroughs in behavioral and neuroscience have contributed to a deeper understanding of memory mechanics and learning (Thompson & Madigan, 2013), thus giving rise to better techniques for eliciting veritable recollections and addressing disorders of memory. This advancement has

allowed our understanding of not only the potential of the brain but also the complex mechanisms of memory and consciousness (Tulving, 2013).

Cognitive impairment due to stroke, which ranks as the first type of acquired disability, affects consciousness and memory. The present review is aimed at presenting a critical analysis of the connections between stroke, consciousness, and memory, by addressing the neuroanatomical mechanisms that underlie them and the clinical profiles identified in stroke patients. It will provide step by step consideration of the bridges in restrictions in conscious awareness and memory processes linked to specific brain sites and how stroke causing impaired function in these areas results in diverse and necessarily pathologic declines. The review will also explain the severe difficulties involved in adequate measurement of these impairments and will highlight their major impact on the evaluation and timely management of those patients (Mashour et al., 2020; Cavannav & Trimble, 2006). The overall effects of a stroke are not only restrictions in physical functions, which are significantly impacted, but also changes in cognition, as well as social relations.

1.1 Research Problem and Questions

Strokes are one of the leading causes of long-term neurological disabilities across the globe which has devastating effects on various aspects of physical, cognitive and emotional functioning. Perhaps one of the most important yet challenging functional deficits following stroke is memory impairment. Short-term, long-term, and working memory deficits are reported in stroke patients. These advances in medicine and neurology have neglected to factor in how strokes

affect memory processes, or the brain's mechanics of consciousness, that govern these functions (Lugtmeijer et al., 2021; Maeshima & Osawa, 2021). The research problem revolves around the study of what neurological changes in the brain results in memory loss in stroke patients and it serves to help the studies in the field of neuropsychology and lead the way for future studies of targeted therapies. It also examines how far recovery and rehabilitation can take you in offsetting these effects, and how neuroplasticity can restore those consciousness mechanisms in the brain that relate to memory, by tackling the main question of How do strokes influence memory and the associated consciousness?

2.1 Research Objectives

Memory is especially affected because strokes can result in severe disruption of brain functioning. Stroke is a complex phenomenon that can influence cognition, neurobiology and psychology, all of which can also affect memory function. The best innovative therapeutic treatments will depend on a thorough awareness of how strokes impact the mind's access to memory (O'Sullivan et al., 2023; Elliott & Parente, 2014). This research has multiple objectives which encompass a better understanding of how strokes affect memory consciousness. The first aim of the study is to assess how strokes were related to the degrees of memory consciousness in stroke patient. Second, it pursues to identify neurological factors that lead to memory disruption following stroke; thus, explaining the physiological mechanisms behind these changes. Third, this research examines how persons interpret their own memory awareness changes following a stroke. Finally, it aims to determine effective strategies that can be integrated with

therapeutic and rehabilitation interventions. In sum, the study seeks to help familiarize with, and cultivate empathy for, individuals who are struggling with life after stroke, especially post-stroke memory deficits.

3.1 Significance

That the knowledge of the effects of stroke on conscious and memory has great significance when it comes to the overall patient management and recovery after the stroke specifically, as well as the general well-being and functioning of affected survivors. The precise assessment and timely diagnosis enable formulation of and instituting appropriate therapeutic interventions that are appropriate to the patient's requirements (Naccache, 2018). It is a goal of this present review to present contemporary perspectives on these matters, discuss areas where further information is required as well as outline future research directions that the current body of knowledge recommends to narrow the clinical practice gap and to advance the understanding of neurological processes at work. Besides, research in this area is of economic importance, it because high of the cost of stroke is

4.1 Methodology

This study presents a thorough analysis of the cognitive, neurological, and psychological aspects of changes in memory after a stroke through a comprehensive review of existing literature, including scholarly articles, books, and reports. The literature review through a critical appraisal and commentary about the theories, models, and findings pertaining to the disruptions of memory and awareness with stroke survivors emphasizing the subjective and physiological impacts. On the other hand, that the gathering information and interpreting it using

reviewed journals and other credible sources, a comprehensive understanding of the subject matter can be constructed.

The review assesses patterns, gaps, and emerging issues in the evolution of research in this area. This does not involve writing proposals to obtain empirical data but rather uses secondary data to provide a theoretical understanding of this subject. Using this approach allows the research to provide a wide and integrative view of the impact of strokes on memory consciousness and to propose ideas for future research and practical implications for therapeutic interventions and rehabilitation methods.

2. Literature review

2.1 Neurological Basis of Consciousness and Memory

While neuroscience has made great advances, the biological processes that support consciousness and memory are complex and not fully understood. Specific brain areas responsible for some of those basic cognitive functions have been identified in many studies (Keppler, 2020; Keppler, 2018). The prefrontal cortex has been regarded as a central executive brain region pertaining to many higher-order cognitive functions, especially with regard to executive functions like working memory and attention, both critical to conscious awareness and efficient encoding of new memories (D'Esposito & Postle, 2015).

The neurological along with the adjacent medial temporal lobe structures on the other hand are critical for the integration of episodic memory, where past experiences are transformed into stable memories (Doss et al., 2024; Flores & Liester, 2024). Damage to these brain regions results in profound, long-term

memory deficits, disrupting an individual learned sequences involving life passage coupled with contextual cues (Axmacher & Fell, 2012; Banks, 2009). These involve additional critical areas, such as the parietal lobe and precuneus where they have multiple functions supporting elements of consciousness and memory (Moulin et al., 2023; Cavannav & Trimble, 2006). This connection is vital for complex phenomena involving conscious experience and memory consolidation.

Consciousness and memory examined at their neurological and autonomous levels is a paradigmatically complex but simple field of study; historical neglect of consciousness has resulted in an emerging field of neuroscience research of several theories explaining what it might be grounded in neurologically. Multiple brain regions working together are thought to maintain the neural circuitry that governs consciousness (Oza, 2023). Patient studies on memory deficits with respect to brain lesions have provided significant insights into memory's anatomical and functional structure (Oza, 2023; Hudson, 2011).

Recent years have seen methodological advances and theoretical progress that have improved our understanding of consciousness and its disorders on the clinical field (Laureys et al., 2015). These involve functioning of epigenetic mechanisms that include dynamic reconfigurations of chromatin structure in the consolidation of long-term memory (Hudson, 2011) and in the rapid " reversal " of cell memory to experience in response to a conscious state. Although such developments are promising, treatment and recovery from disorders of consciousness are a complicated matter, and more study is needed to improve patient recovery (Oza, 2023).

2.2 Cognitive Impact of Stroke on Memory Function

Stroke can cause deleterious effects on cognition, especially memory. Approximately 35% of stroke patients have been shown to suffer cognitive impairment, manifested as deficits in memory, orientation, language and attention (Tatemichi et al., 1994). Another studies reported cognitive impairment in between 33.3% and 60% of stroke patients (Sayed et al., 2024; Mulhern, 2023). On the other hand, the study in China by (Chau et al., 2023) found that survivors of the stroke exhibited post-stroke cognitive impairment is 36%. According to another study, 69.3% of patients who experienced a stroke show sign of cognitive impairment with memory being the most affected domain (Gallucci et al., 2024). Memory weakness is usually accompanied by additional cognitive deficits, such as attention and executive dysfunctions, resulting in cumulative neurocognitive impairment (Zhou et al., 2024; Dewi & Laksmidewi, 2024).

Longitudinal studies have revealed that post-stroke cognition can be divided into three groups; high, medium and low, with that the low group does not improve after one year and suffers from severe memory problems (Buarv et al., 2021). Some types of episodic memory are impaired, but both immediate memory and remote memory Native memory are preserved since they are dependent on structures such as the hippocampus, medial temporal lobe, and basal forebrain; when those structures are damaged, different types of memory are lost. Thus, memory assessment post-stroke is commonly conducted with the MoCA, WMS-R, or RBMT Tools. There are cognitive rehabilitation strategies as repetitive

training and environmental adjustments to memory function in stroke patients (Maeshima & Osawa, 2021).

There are several aspects can determine the degree of memory dysfunction in stroke patients. Where demographic and clinical factors influence the risk of cognitive decline post-stroke, including age where older subjects have increased risk of cognitive impairment, also education where higher education seems to offer a protective effect against post-stroke cognitive impairments (Zhou et al., 2024; Gallucci et al., 2024). The memory deficit is also influenced by the nature of the stroke itself -- the severity and where it is located in the brain, most notably the right hemisphere, and the severity of the stroke, with more severe strokes leading to more cognitive deficits (Gallucci et al., 2024). Besides, other comorbidities, such as hyperlipidemia, have also been reported to elevates the post-stroke cognitive, including memory deficits. (Gallucci et al., 2024).

When comparing memory function as it relates to stroke over time, it is often noted that there is a post-stroke decline in memory function as noted by some studies, where some patients experience a further decline of memory function than those without a stroke (Vishwanath et al., 2024). However, early intervention and neurocognitive exercise is useful in your recovery and memory function. Where the particular treatment provides cognitive function much better (Dewi & Laksmidewi, 2024).

2.3 Interplay Between Consciousness and Memory After Stroke

In this sense, the relationship between consciousness and memory is bidirectional as, following stroke, any disturbances in consciousness directly

affect memory storage processes, thus preventing the encoding of new information and retrieval of existing memories (Madan, 2023). For instance, in patients in a coma or vegetative state who are not forming new memories due to the experience, even if the brain structures for memory remain largely intact (Mashour et al., 2020). Conversely, profound memory deficits can lead to changes in consciousness. Autobiographical memory deficits, the inability to navigate familiar spaces, confused perception, and even unawareness of their confused perception, contribute to this disorientation (Moulin et al., 2023). Further, both conscious and unconscious memory processes may co-occur in stroke patients, which may greatly complicate the assessment and interpretation of cognitive deficits (Doss et al., 2024).

In addition, related to stroke memory impairment is a common defect, affecting for over a related third of patients (O'Sullivan et al, 2023). Exploration of the subjective and objective relationship following stroke showed no significant new findings, although the Rivermead Behavioural Memory Test (RBMT) displayed greater correlations with self-reported memory problems than more conventional tests (Lincoln & Tinson, 1989). Stroke usually affects episodic memory, sparing both immediate and remote memory (Maeshima & Osawa, 2021).

Post-stroke memory dysfunction is caused by the prospective damage of a few associated circuitries of brain such as a Papez and Yakovlev circuitry, hippocampus and basal forebrain (Maeshima & Osawa, 2021; Lim et al., 2009). Memory deficit assessment is frequently conducted with the use of scales such as the WMS-R and RBMT (Al-Qazzaz et al., 2014; Maeshima & Osawa, 2021).

Rehabilitation strategies employ cognitive rehabilitation approaches that emphasize repetitive practice, internal mnemonic strategies, and environmental modifications, it can the mechanisms of memory impairment and recovery in stroke patients can be better understood through advanced neuroimaging and through biomarkers (Maeshima & Osawa, 2021).

2.4 Assessment of Consciousness and Memory After Stroke

Post-stroke awareness and consciousness are critical in stroke rehabilitation due to their significant influence on stroke outcome and quality of life post-stroke (Al-Qazzaz et al., 2014; Maeshima & Osawa, 2021). Nevertheless, memory deficits after stroke are dependent on the damaged brain areas, which leads to different types of amnesia relating to damage to areas such as the hippocampus and basal forebrain (Maeshima & Osawa, 2021).

Patients after stroke often have body awareness and self-awareness deficits that prevent rehabilitation progress and increase the recurrence of stroke (Villalobos et al., 2019). To ameliorate these common challenges, several studies and interventions have been implemented to improve patient outcomes and recovery experiences

An accurate recognition of consciousness and memory status after stroke is vital for appropriate diagnosis, treatment planning, and rehabilitation. These cognitive functions can be evaluated through a combination of clinical examination, neuropsychological testing, and neuroimaging techniques. A prime example of this would be the Glasgow Coma Scale (GCS) during the acute phase

where it is used to assess the level of consciousness providing a standardized measure of level of responsiveness (Naccache, 2018).

Neuropsychological testing is essential to the assessments of cognitive impairment and memory disturbance after stroke (Al-Qazzaz et al., 2014; D'Esposito & Alexander, 1995). On the contrary, although there is no specific therapy for amnesia, treatment approaches include cognitive remediation, pharmacotherapy, and adaptation of the environment (D'Esposito & Alexander, 1995; Maeshima & Osawa, 2021). Innovative methodologies, including acupuncture, acupuncture integrated with Western medicine, hyperbaric oxygen therapy, and brain-computer interface (He & Chen, 2023), in combination with the traditional rehabilitation therapy, show great potential in accelerating the recovery of consciousness.

In body awareness and rehabilitation, mental practices such as action observation, motor imagery, and body awareness therapy show good results on exteroceptive body awareness post-stroke. While such interventions have proven effective for enhancing functionality following a stroke, action observation and body awareness therapy have shown promise during early-stage recovery. On the other hand, seems more advantageous during the chronic rehabilitation stages (Simeão et al., 2023). Most significant improvements in regard to recovery of body awareness occur in the first month after stroke and correlate strongly to improved sensation, motor impairment, self-efficacy, and health-related quality of life. These highlight therefore the importance of early rehabilitation interventions in improving recovery outcomes (Serrada et al., 2021).

Where stroke knowledge and self-awareness are concerned, there are many survivors of the stroke that leave the lack of basic information about their symptoms and the risk factors, thus hindering preventive measures and increasing the risk of losing another stroke. Incorporating educational programs to influence awareness of stroke and the adoption of healthful lifestyle changes is therefore becoming common (Ellis et al., 2013). Specifically, individualized self-awareness interventions have been promising increasing self-regulation skills and improving employment outcomes (Ownsworth et al., 2008).

anosognosia, or lack of awareness of the deficits, is known another major factor common in many stroke patients. It noted anosognosia as a factor in poor rehabilitation outcomes, and characterized it as a complex disorder involving diverse modalities of assessment and intervention. If rehabilitation works, strategies should participate in motor function, awareness and affective disorders (Jenkinson et al., 2011).

2.5 Clinical Implications and Therapeutic Strategies

Dysfunction of consciousness and memory due to stroke has severe and far-reaching clinical consequences encompassing a decrease in the ability to perform both programmatic tasks as well as personal action sequences and the reduction of social interaction, including the loss of independence as experienced prior to the stroke (Yamashita & Abe, 2012). The resulting cognitive deficits can lead to huge emotional distress, a lower quality of life and elevated risk of depression and anxiety. As such, the use of rehabilitation programs is essential for the enhancement of cognitive function and recovery as they often contain a

combination of cognitive training tasks that hone in on specific memory and executive functioning deficits, memory aids and assistive technology to facilitate cognitive functioning, and methods designed to promote contextual facilitation and adaptive coping skills (Diamond & Ling, 2016).

Although the complete rehabilitation plan can also include cognitive rehabilitation, the prognosis differs among individuals. A systematic review demonstrated that multimodal intervention packages had a significant positive effect on cognition and memory compared with usual management (O'Donoghue et al., 2022). Certain approaches like goal setting and computerized cognitive rehabilitation have shown quantifiable improvements in ameliorating working memory deficits (Velugoti et al., 2022). This suggests that carefully structured and directed tasks that involve memory activity are effective in assisting memory recovery.

Therefore, new techniques like neurofeedback and biotechnical systems, are receiving interest to stimulate memory recovery. For example, biotechnological brain stimulation systems demonstrate efficacy in stimulating targeted neural pathways related to the recall of memory using targeted stimulation (Belik & Dmitriev, 2020). Other pharmacological interventions such as increasing blood flow medication and comorbidity drugs are most effective delivered early and targeted. The Interventions change depending on Stroke type, Lesion Location, and Specific Patient Characteristics and Access (Liu et al., 2018).

2.6 The Neuroimaging and Biomarkers in Patients with Stroke

Neuroimaging techniques have been essential in uncovering the neural correlates of both memory and consciousness deficits in stroke patients. Functional magnetic resonance imaging studies showed altered connectivity of the brain areas critical for memory processing including the dorsal attention network and the default mode network (DMN). These disruptions represent profound degradation of the brain's capacity to efficiently orchestrate memory tasks and processes (Liu et al., 2017). Likewise, positron emission tomography scans have revealed the underlying metabolic changes that occur in the brain after a stroke. These scans are particularly good at revealing patterns that are characteristic of vascular cognitive impairment, and they provide a metabolic view of the underlying neural dysfunction (Heiss et al., 2016).

Biomarkers for Cognitive Impairment can provide molecular-level insights into the physiological changes associated with stroke and may complement neuroimaging findings. Molecular biomarkers, systemic biomarkers of inflammation such as C-reactive protein or interleukins, detectable in body fluids, have been correlated to post-stroke cognitive impairment. These biomarkers improve the diagnostic accuracy and provide a foundation for monitoring the progression of cognitive deficits (Zhang & Bi, 2020). Additionally functional connectivity measures from neuroimaging have predictive capacity with regard to cognitive outcomes. Functional connectivity patterns, rather than traditional lesion topography, are better predictors of memory deficits (Siegel et al., 2016), which is germane in predicting trajectory of cognitive recovery.

In general, neuroimaging and biomarkers provide important information about stroke-related cognitive impairments, but some researchers are cautioning against relying only on these measures. Imagining cognition recovery is a multivariate process, which cannot be ensured with imaging and biomarkers alone (Wang et al., 2024; Gaviria & Eltayeb Hamid, 2024). Neuropsychological assessments stratifying the spectrum of cognitive deficits are critical to inform the recovering patient and to design rehabilitation strategies that consider the full scope of the post-stroke recovery spectrum. A multimodal approach to these assessments, enhancing the utilization of neuroimaging, biomarkers and neuropsychological testing can provide clinicians with a holistic view when assessing and managing cognitive dysfunction (Godefroy et al., 2024; Sayed et al., 2024).

2.7 Psychosocial Factors Influencing Memory Recovery

Psychosocial factors play a huge role in cognitive rehabilitation successfulness and memory recover after stroke. Basic factors that shape recovery trajectories are emotional wellbeing, social connectedness, and cognitive engagement, all of which have been implicated to have the capacity to enhance functional manifestations of memory rehabilitation (Sun et al., 2024; Wang et al., 2024). psychosocial-based interventions targeting these factors can improve recover outcomes, as in here are follows

- **Emotional Health:** It plays a significant role in cognitive recovery of stroke patients. This population frequently has increased levels of depression and anxiety which are known to exacerbate cognitive

deficits (such as memory) and vice versa (Cheng et al., 2021; Remer-Osborn, 1998). Psychosocial interventions that target emotional health may reduce depressive symptoms, which again may improve cognitive outcomes. Correspondingly, counseling and therapeutic support have been reported to be helpful in alleviating depression and subsequently lessening impairment in cognitive performance and aiding recovery of memorization (Minshall et al., 2019).

- **Social Support:** It has a great impact on memory rehabilitation, which is positive on it. Additionally, the significance of social networks such as family and community support have been linked to augmented psychological resilience and improved cognitive functioning (Wang et al., 2024). Regular social engagement helps lower our stress levels and keep our brains resilient through emotional support and cognitive stimulation. These highlight that supportive environments are needed to enable rehabilitation for stroke survivors (Kremen et al., 2012).
- **Cognitive Engagement:** Cognition has a major role in memory retrieval, and engaging in cognitive tasks such as reminiscence therapy is effective to combat cognitive deficiencies and improve memory functions (Cheng et al., 2021) Stress was proven to help recover the memory through mentally stimulating activity and build

resilience that allows better rehabilitation and long-term cognitive health (Wang et al., 2024).

However, traditional cognitive rehabilitation paradigms may have less efficacy, resulting in the integration of psychosocial therapies with cognitive rehabilitation under the concept of brain–body nexus. The effectiveness of these interventions may be different across cultural, social, and individual contexts. As such, additional work is necessary to perfect these treatments, making sure they can be utilized in a more widespread manner. Therefore, the optimization of psychosocial interventions allows clinicians to formulate more comprehensive and personalized rehabilitation programming for patients to assist stroke survivors during their recovery and rehabilitation process (Wan et al., 2024).

3. Conclusion

Stroke can cause a vast spectrum of changes in patients' consciousness and memory with a range of cognitive impairments that can be hardly overestimated. The extent and kind of these deficits vary by many factors, such as stroke type, area and scope of injury, and patient's profile. The present study details the intricate interconnection between consciousness and memory; findings suggest a case for comprehensive and multi-modal approaches to assessing patients with stroke. Innovative stroke research should focus on refining measures of cognitive function, identifying the neural substrates of poststroke cognitive deficits, and examination of new interventional strategies that aim to enhance cognitive recovery and improve the quality of life in the affected patients (Vila-Henninger, 2015; Williams et al., 2007). Future research should involve neurologists and

neuropsychologists and other key players in the therapeutic process to optimize and rehabilitation outcomes after stroke.

4. Recommendations

Drawing upon the theoretical exploration of the role of strokes in the consciousness of memory, the following recommendations may serve to inform future exploration, therapeutic approaches, and supportive systems to aid in both recovery for stroke victims and their loved ones and to prevent further occurrence.

- 1. Formulate and Advance Personalized Rehabilitation Strategies:** Cognitive and Psychological treatment Programs aimed at stroke survivors with memory problems should be incorporated into the rehabilitation regimens designed for them. Also, programs should incorporate memory awareness and cognitive recovery activities.
- 2. Clinical Standpoint of Neurological Assessments:** Advanced neuroimaging and assessments of the neurological state should be prioritized by the researchers and health practitioners to characterize the pathways responsible for changes in memory following a stroke. Therefore, that knowledge could guide efforts to produce targeted therapies for memory disorders.
- 3. Improve and Spread Public Awareness:** Educate caregivers, families, and health professionals on how strokes impact consciousness related to memory. Such advancements can support earlier identification of memory concerns and enable timely intervention.

4. **Integrate Coping Strategies in Therapy:** Integrate and use main coping strategies as documented in the literature to therapeutic models. Also, cognitive restructuring, mnemonic strategies and cognitive pacing strategies that can be beneficial to stroke survivor's newfound memory deficits.
5. **Encourage in Multidisciplinary Approach:** Many disciplines, including neurology, psychology and cognitive science, must work together to study this hard problem of the blood-brain barrier and consciousness bleeding. This multidisciplinary research of dedicated academics and industry professionals can yield a better understanding and original solutions.
6. **Create Support Networks:** Establish the formation of peer support groups or virtual platforms where stroke survivors can connect, share their stories, and provide mutual support on their journeys. They enable networking opportunities that facilitate community engagement and alleviate the psychological burden of memory-related issues.
7. **Advocate for Policy Change:** Encourage policymakers to allocate resources toward administration of stroke rehabilitation programs and research focused on cognitive and memory recovery. As long as the care they were providing was adequate, the quality of care provided should improve and the outcomes for the stroke survivors should also Progress with the right amount of funding and support.

8. **Future Research Directions:** Future research should further explore the long-term consequences of strokes in terms of memory consciousness, cultural diversity, and generalizability. Moreover, well suggested studies are those focusing on the effects of specific therapeutic interventions on increasing memory awareness.

In general, the healthcare community and researchers will, be able to improve the quality of life of stroke survivors and will be able to enhance knowledge in this field of research by treating these recommendations.

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