



EVERY *life* MATTERS

Every day, the fate of every stroke patient in your region hinges on a chain of extraordinary luck.

On what is probably the worst day of their life, they or someone close to them must recognise their symptoms and have the presence of mind to call an ambulance right away.

The ambulance crew must diagnose their stroke and deliver them to a stroke-ready hospital where a skilled team will treat them without delay.

If their luck holds, they will be referred for further treatment if necessary, or monitored for at least 72 hours in order to have the best chance of surviving their stroke with their life intact.

Just one broken link in this chain of survival could mean the end of life as they know it.



This year, you have the power to give **795960 patients** in your region the best chance of surviving their stroke with their lives intact.

Just think about it, in your region around **22528 patients** will suffer a stroke every day. Through your actions you can save **2181 lives** today.

Jan Van der Merwe, whatever you do today, ask yourself: will my actions give these patients a second chance at life, or will their lives depend on luck?

Thank you



As an Angels Initiative
member,
I strive to:

1. Ensure our region has **appropriate geographical coverage**, so that all stroke patients have access to the same level of care wherever they are.
2. Continuously improve the quality of care, to offer our patients the best outcomes. This is represented by a **minimum Gold and a target of Platinum status** according to the ESO Angels awards criteria.
3. **Grow the people in our Angels community** including doctors, nurses, ambulance staff and everyone in the stroke team through education, support, mentorship, sharing ideas and providing acknowledgement.
4. **Build and develop an efficient regional referral network**, where primary, comprehensive centres and EMS services work together to provide patients the best level of care.

This is our *legacy.*