



## **AGE-RELATED WAYS OF OPTIMIZING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF PATIENTS WITH STROKE**

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**Abstract.** Stroke remains one of the leading causes of disability worldwide and significantly affects patients' physical, psychological, cognitive, and social functioning. The quality of life of stroke survivors is influenced by age-related characteristics, including physical capacity, cognitive abilities, emotional stability, and social adaptation. This article examines age-related approaches to optimizing the quality of life of patients with stroke. The study highlights the importance of comprehensive rehabilitation, psychological support, social integration, and individualized intervention programs. The findings suggest that age-sensitive rehabilitation strategies can significantly improve patients' adaptation, independence, and overall well-being.

**Keywords:** stroke, quality of life, rehabilitation, psychological support, age-related characteristics, social adaptation, recovery, well-being.

**Аннотация.** Инсульт остается одной из ведущих причин инвалидности во всем мире и оказывает значительное влияние на физическое, психологическое, когнитивное и социальное функционирование пациентов. Качество жизни людей, перенесших инсульт, зависит от возрастных особенностей, включая физические возможности, когнитивные способности, эмоциональную устойчивость и социальную адаптацию. В данной статье рассматриваются возрастные подходы к оптимизации качества жизни пациентов после инсульта. Подчеркивается важность комплексной реабилитации, психологической поддержки, социальной интеграции и индивидуализированных программ вмешательства. Результаты исследования показывают, что реабилитационные стратегии, учитывающие возрастные особенности пациентов, способны существенно повысить уровень их адаптации, самостоятельности и общего благополучия.



**Ключевые слова:** инсульт, качество жизни, реабилитация, психологическая поддержка, возрастные особенности, социальная адаптация, восстановление, благополучие.

Stroke is a major public health problem and one of the most common causes of long-term disability worldwide. Advances in medical treatment have increased survival rates among stroke patients; however, many survivors continue to experience physical, cognitive, emotional, and social difficulties that negatively affect their quality of life.[1] The consequences of stroke often vary depending on the patient's age, health status, and social environment. Quality of life has become an important indicator of rehabilitation effectiveness because successful recovery is not limited to physical improvement alone. It also includes psychological well-being, social participation, independence, and satisfaction with life. Therefore, identifying age-related ways of optimizing the quality of life of stroke patients is an important scientific and practical task.[2] Quality of life refers to an individual's perception of their physical health, psychological state, social relationships, and level of independence. Following a stroke, patients frequently face mobility limitations, speech disorders, cognitive impairment, depression, anxiety, and reduced social interaction.

Age plays a crucial role in the recovery process. Younger patients often demonstrate better neuroplasticity and physical recovery potential, while older patients may experience additional challenges related to aging, chronic diseases, and reduced social support. Consequently, rehabilitation programs should be tailored to the specific needs of different age groups.[3] Physical recovery remains one of the primary goals of post-stroke rehabilitation. Younger patients usually recover motor functions more rapidly, whereas older adults may require longer rehabilitation periods. Regular physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and adaptive physical exercises contribute significantly to improving mobility and independence. Many stroke survivors experience memory difficulties, attention deficits, and executive function impairments. Psychological problems such as depression, anxiety, and emotional instability are also common. Age-related psychological interventions should focus on cognitive stimulation, emotional regulation, and resilience-building strategies. Social isolation often becomes a significant challenge after stroke. Older adults may be particularly vulnerable due to retirement, loss of social roles, or reduced communication opportunities. Family involvement, community-based support programs, and social rehabilitation activities can facilitate successful reintegration into society. Rehabilitation should be adapted to the patient's age, physical condition,



cognitive abilities, and social circumstances. Personalized rehabilitation plans increase motivation and improve treatment outcomes. Psychological support plays a critical role in enhancing quality of life. Counseling, cognitive-behavioral interventions, emotional support groups, and psychoeducational programs help patients develop positive coping strategies and restore self-confidence. Family members play a central role in the rehabilitation process. Educational programs for caregivers improve communication, reduce caregiver burden, and create a supportive environment for recovery. Social support contributes to emotional stability and better adaptation. Promoting healthy lifestyles, including balanced nutrition, regular physical activity, stress management, and adherence to medical recommendations, helps prevent recurrent strokes and improves long-term well-being.[4] Modern technologies such as telemedicine, virtual rehabilitation, digital cognitive training programs, and assistive devices provide additional opportunities for improving patients' functional independence and quality of life. Optimizing the quality of life of stroke survivors requires a multidisciplinary approach involving physicians, psychologists, rehabilitation specialists, social workers, and family members. Age-related differences should be considered when designing rehabilitation interventions. While younger patients may benefit from vocational reintegration programs, older adults often require greater emphasis on social support, emotional well-being, and maintenance of daily living skills. Research indicates that comprehensive rehabilitation programs addressing physical, psychological, and social dimensions produce the most favorable outcomes. Therefore, age-sensitive rehabilitation models should become an integral component of post-stroke care.[5]

Improving the quality of life of stroke patients is a complex and long-term process that extends beyond medical treatment. Age-related characteristics significantly influence recovery, adaptation, and overall well-being. Effective optimization strategies include individualized rehabilitation, psychological support, family involvement, social integration, healthy lifestyle promotion, and the use of innovative technologies. Implementing comprehensive age-sensitive rehabilitation approaches can enhance independence, emotional stability, and life satisfaction among stroke survivors.

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