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**What Patient Factors Predict Outcome in Mild Stroke?**

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Speech-language pathologists commonly work with patients who have experienced stroke to facilitate

## ***Results***

Of the six studies investigating predictive factors of outcome in mild stroke, four were retrospective cohort studies. The retrospective design presents a limitation in that it was not specifically designed to answer the research question.

### *Physiological Predictors of Outcome*

In a retrospective cohort study, Nedeltchev *et al.* (2007) analyzed factors influencing outcome in 123

that were admitted to hospital within 30 days of symptom onset. This delay in hospital admission means that what occurred during the initial period post-stroke was variable among patients and unaccounted for in the study design; thus, it could have affected the patients' outcomes

A strength of this study was the inclusion of patients  
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Biller, J., Love, B.B., Gordon, D.L., and Marsh,  
E.E. 3<sup>rd</sup> (1993).