

**20% of stroke patients need catheterization procedures (Al Ahram, June 4)**

Strokes are a leading cause of death and a major cause of disability in Egypt due to the late use of anticoagulants in the first hours following initial symptoms. About 20% of patients can be saved in the first six hours after suffering a stroke, using catheter-based treatment. Up to 70% of stroke patients arrive late and are given preventive anticoagulant therapy.