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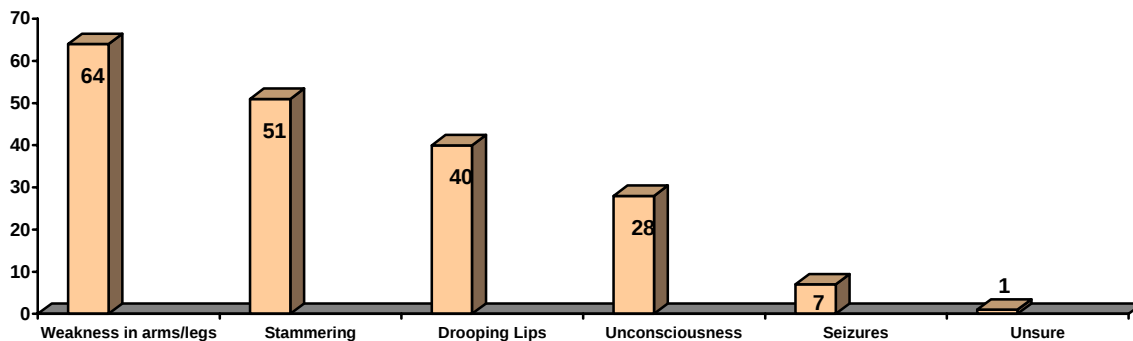
Perceptions about Stroke/Paralysis: Weakness in Body and Stammering Are Considered to be the Main Symptoms: GILANI POLL /GALLUP PAKISTAN

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According to a Gilani Research Foundation survey carried out by Gallup Pakistan, Pakistanis believe there are several symptoms of a stroke/paralysis attack; Of them weakness in arms and legs is considered to be the main symptom as cited by 64%, followed by stammering (51%), drooping lips (40%), unconsciousness (28%), and seizures (7%). When asked what would be their first reaction to someone having a stroke at home, 82% say they would go to the hospital, 8% would go to a Hakeem (a traditional Asian Herb doctor), 7% would use home remedy, and 3% say they would not do anything or gave no response.

A nationally representative sample of men and women from across the country were asked “Do you know the symptoms of a stroke/paralysis. Meaning how can you tell if a person is having a stroke?” Sixty four percent (64%) said weakness in arms and legs is one of the symptoms, 51% said stammering may precede a stroke, 40% cited droopiness of lips, 28% said a person having a stroke become unconscious, and 7% said convulsions/seizures suggest a paralysis attack. One percent of the respondents were unsure.

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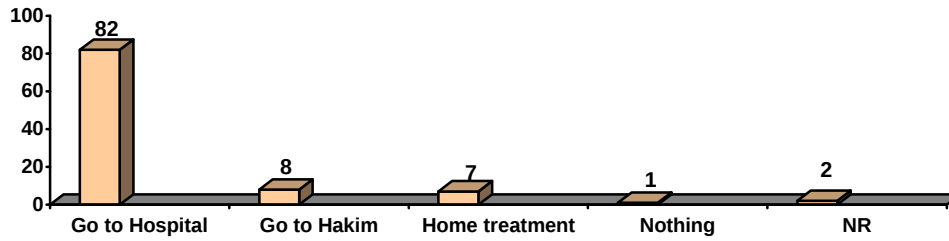


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the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International Association (www.gallup-international.com; www.gallup.com.pk)

In a follow up question the respondents were asked “Godforbid if someone from your household is having a stroke/paralysis what is the first thing what you would do?” Eighty two percent (82%) said they would immediately take the patient to the hospital, 8% said they would take him/her to the Hakim (a Muslim physician), and 7% said the first thing they would do is give some treatment at home. The remaining 3% of the respondents said either they would not do anything immediately or gave no response.

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The study was released by Gilani foundation and carried out by Gallup Pakistan, the Pakistani affiliate of Gallup International. The recent survey was carried out among a sample of 2805 men and women in rural and urban areas of all four provinces of the country, during January 2010. Error margin is estimated to be approximately $\pm 2-3$ per cent at 95% confidence level.

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