

## Metabolic

Hypo/hyperglycaemia

Toxins

Drugs

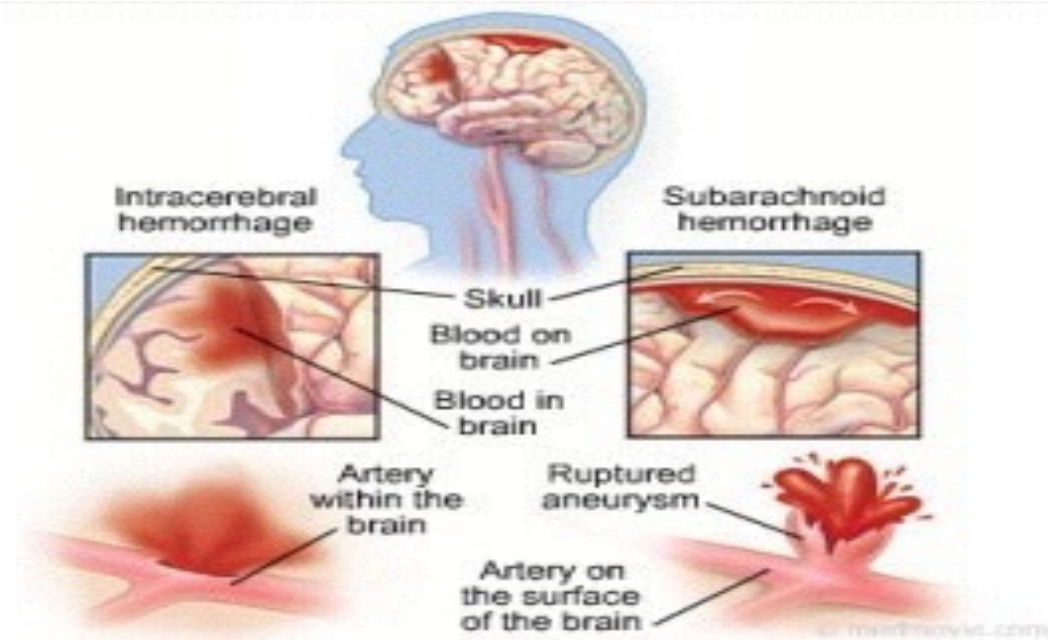
Alcohol

## Brain stem lesions

Tumours, haemorrhage

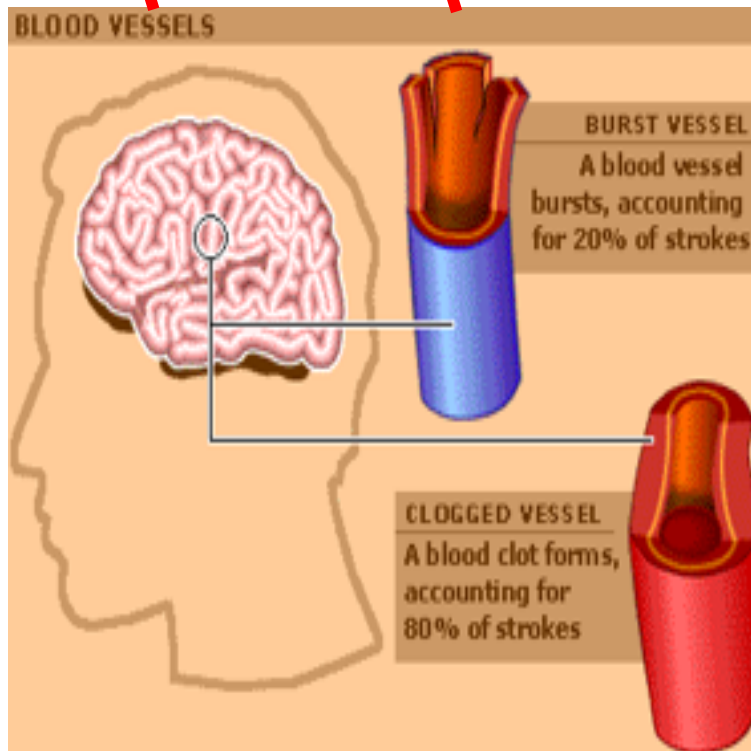
Cortex and cerebellar  
lesions

Tumours,  
infarction



## Causes of CVA (stroke)

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Hypertension

Diabetes Mellitus

Hyperlipidaemia

Obesity

Oral contraception

Atrial fibrillation

Heart valve lesions

Transient ischaemic attack (TIA)

Focal deficit lasting 24 hours after which there is complete recovery  
Caused by emboli from carotid artery atheroma

# Delerium and Dementia

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## Delerium

- Is an acute impairment of consciousness usually worse at night

Caused mostly by drugs or fever

- Dementia  
Disturbance of the higher cortical functions including memory, thinking and orientation but consciousness is not impaired.

Caused by Alzheimer's Disease in the over 70year olds mostly

- 10% affected at 65years
- 20% in the over 80s