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Dr Anthony Pereira trained in medicine at Cambridge and in neurology in London. He is a consultant neurologist and stroke physician at St George's Hospital. He is a member of the neurology and stroke SACs and helps run a large neurology and stroke training programme at St. George's.

Presentation Summary

A common, devastating cause of stroke is when a large artery in the brain (such as one of the middle cerebral arteries) becomes occluded by clot. Previously, the prognosis for many patients suffering such a stroke would be poor as not even urgent thrombolysis could adequately re-perfuse and save brain tissue. Now, with the advent of a new interventional procedure called "Mechanical Thrombectomy" allied to state-of-the-art imaging, it is possible to preserve the independence of many people even up to 24 hours after the start of their stroke syndrome. This has revolutionised stroke treatment.