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## Stroke – Can it Be Prevented?

Reacting to the news of Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's stroke, Atlanta Neurologist Joseph Weissman has commented that there are now significant therapies available to treat ischemic stroke and prevent recurrent strokes, but that most therapies involve some risk of hemorrhage. Identification of those cases most likely to bleed, and least likely to benefit from treatment, is a major challenge. "Biomarkers could provide more information on the stroke process and the risk for hemorrhage", he commented, "thus allowing us to more accurately prescribe treatment." Adding that strokes can be very subtle or even entirely a-symptomatic, Dr. Weissman said that blood tests such as offered by CIS Biotech, Inc. have the potential to make it easier to diagnose whether a patient's problem may be a stroke or some other, less dangerous condition such as a type of migraine or a seizure.

Dr. Weissman chairs the Board of Medical Advisors of the Atlanta-based biotech company, which was established in 2000 for the purpose of bringing unique disease-associated biomarkers and in-vitro diagnostic (IVD) tools to the market, in order to solve unmet needs in risk assessment of stroke.

Based on decades of research, both in the United States and abroad, CIS Biotech's simple, inexpensive blood tests detect brain markers of cerebral ischemia, which physicians can then use as the basis for describing treatment. Currently available as a "home brew", the company's collaboration with DeKalb Medical Center (Atlanta, Georgia) is resulting in the delivery of these new tests.