



**British & Irish Association
of Stroke Physicians**
Advancing stroke medicine

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BIASP Treasurer's Message



Dr Liz Warburton
BIASP Treasurer

It feels particularly busy for acute stroke services at the moment – plus our workforce both senior and junior feels stretched as never before. I was struck by a piece by Andrew Goddard (PRCP) about the higher specialist training census where he said treating colleagues and juniors with professional respect helps us deal with the pressures –this resonated so I thought I'd pass it on.

There is plenty of good news to share - first is our new website which we hope you like and is user friendly. Please do look around it.

Next are the winning entries from our Innovation in sustainable stroke care competition - it will be really exciting to see how these projects evolve.

Our BIASP Trainees conference where plans are finalised looks to be a good event for members as well as trainees so if you are interested in joining us, please [CLICK HERE](#) to register.

Positive discussions are ongoing about the next UKSF and hopefully more details soon about a return to an in-person event.

BIASP Scientific Subcommittee Update

In my first update for 2022 I'd like to start by thanking Dr Mary Joan MacLeod for her valued contribution to the BIASP Scientific Subcommittee. I look forward to continuing to work with Mary Joan in her new role as BIASP Honorary Deputy Secretary. We now have a vacancy for a new member of the Scientific Subcommittee and further details will follow from the BIASP Secretariat.



Prof Craig Smith
Scientific Subcommittee Chair

BIASP have awarded funding for three NIHR/BIASP Writing group applications and details of these will be available on the BIASP website, [HERE](#)

I'm delighted that Brin Halliwell has contributed an article about his life in stroke research for this month's newsletter. As many of you will know, Brin is a stroke survivor with a passion for driving patient and public involvement in stroke research, and I would urge you to read Part 1 of his fascinating journey, [HERE](#)

Plans are progressing well for the next UK Stroke Research workshop, which will be held in Sheffield on the 27th and 28th of September and promises to be an excellent event. The UK Stroke Research workshop is particularly aimed at early career researchers, so please encourage any interested medical students or junior doctors to save these dates.

Finally, please do visit the new BIASP website [HERE](#) for more information and further updates about stroke research and related activities.

BIASP Subcommittee Posts - Nominations OPEN



BIASP is pleased to confirm that the following BIASP Subcommittee positions are available to begin in April 2022: **Closes 9th March 2022**

Scientific subcommittee – 1 vacant post, 3-year term

Trainee subcommittee – 4 vacant posts, 3-year term

- Training and Education representatives (2 posts)
- Association of British Neurologists liaison
- Royal College of Physicians liaison

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

Nomination forms:

[CLICK HERE](#) for Scientific form

[CLICK HERE](#) for Trainee form

BIASP Launch



BASP (British Association of Stroke Physicians)
has officially changed to
BIASP (British and Irish Association of Stroke Physicians)

Email: admin@biasp.org

Twitter: @BIASPstroke

Website: launched

Ordinary Member for Northern Ireland



Prof Seán Murphy
Ordinary Member
for Republic
of Ireland

The report from Prof Seán Murphy is on the following:

- The National Office of Clinical Audit (NOCA) launched the Irish National Audit of Stroke (INAS) 2020 Report
- The National Thrombectomy Service Report for 2020, launched in April 2021
- National Stroke Strategy 2020-2025 was developed in 2020 led by Prof Rónán Collins
- The Health Research Board Stroke Clinical Trials Network Ireland

The read the report in full [CLICK HERE](#)

Sustainability Update

Congratulations to Ashleigh Sainsbury and Jenna Oldham from University Hospitals Leicester's Early Supported Discharge Service who were the winners of BIASP's Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition 2021.

The team submitted a project proposal to return and reuse rehabilitation and mobility equipment and create opportunities to engage and educate colleagues and service users on reducing the carbon footprint of equipment use.



Dr Bethan Davies
Sustainability Lead

Also from University Hospitals Leicester, Theresa Morgan and Thomas Liddell proposed the promotion of 'green' lifestyle interventions to enhance secondary prevention of stroke and were the runners up in the competition.

A member from both teams will receive funding to attend the Centre for Sustainable Healthcare's Sustainable Quality Improvement course and we look forward to them sharing the learning from their projects with BIASP and the Green Stroke Care Network. We are very proud to have launched BIASP's sustainability policy at the end of last year.

Find out how we plan to advocate for action on climate change and address the environmental impact of our own activities on our sustainability webpage, [CLICK HERE](#)

Remember to Update your Member Profile



You can now access the new and enhanced BIASP membership system. This allows us to know and understand our membership better to tailor the benefits we can deliver.

We are updating the website members area with relevant and interesting content to help you improve the care of your stroke patients

Please check and update your details, this will only take a few minutes. [CLICK HERE](#) to login to the members area.

Trainees Weekend Update



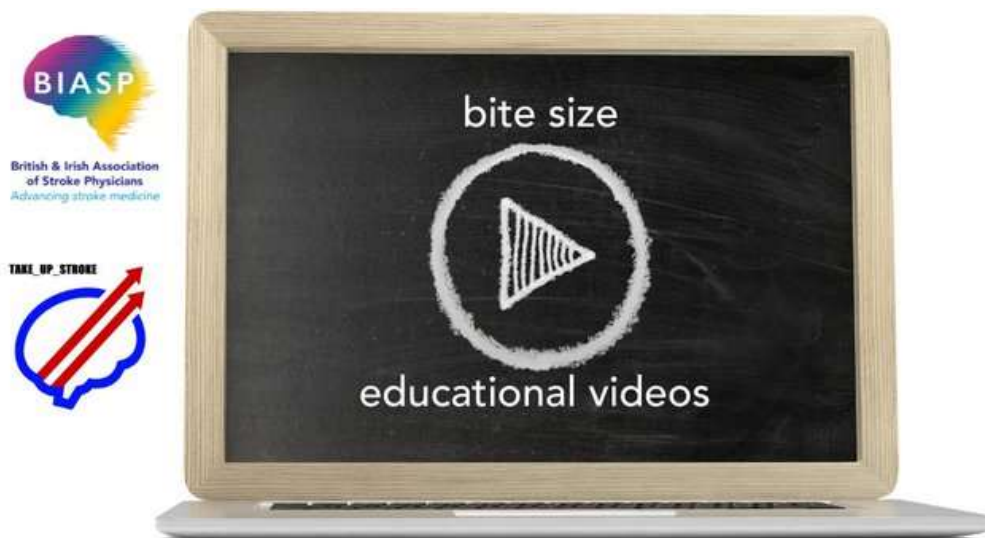
BIASP trainee meeting registration website is now live and taking bookings.
The **Trainees Weekend** virtual event is on **24-25 March 2022**

[CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend

Whilst the programme is being finalised here are some of the topics included:

- A practical guide to the hyperacute stroke call
- Managing a patient in a rural setting
- Complex vasculopathies and arterial dissection talks
- Cerebral venous sinus thrombosis and neurosurgery updates
- How to approach the dizzy patient
- Long term management of the stroke patient with spasticity
- There is a session on maximising training opportunities as a stroke fellow / trainee (including a curriculum update)

Bitesize Education Hub



BIASP are developing a “Take Up Stroke Virtual Learning Hub” under the auspices of the Take Up Stroke Fellows, a committee formed to promote and encourage a career in Stroke Medicine.

Would you like to inspire medical students or junior doctors to take up stroke medicine by filming a short video yourself?

Here are just some of the ideas for your videos:

- Thrombolysis in action – perhaps a virtual simulation or role play?
- Thrombectomy in action – similar to the above, or a neuro-radiologist demonstrating the devices etc.
- The diversity of stroke medicine
- Career as a stroke clinical academic - the highs and lows of research
- Why I chose stroke medicine
- A Stroke Patient’s Journey

For further information and to confirm your topic choice email admin@biasp.org

Medical Student Essay Competition

We are delighted to announce that the joint winners of the 2022 BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize are Claudia Kate Au-Yeung from the University of Warwick and Matthew Bellamy from the University of Sheffield. They will both receive free attendance at the upcoming Trainees Meeting.

Our runner up was Aditi Chaturvedi from the University College of Dublin. The 2 winning entries are available to read below and we will link Aditi’s entry in the March newsletter. The following months will see other highly commended entries from this year. Congratulations to all our winning and highly commended entries.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the entry from Claudia Kate Au-Yeung
[CLICK HERE](#) to read the entry from Matthew Bellamy



Member's Benefit

Thinking of joining WSO?

BIASP members can receive a reduced rate for the membership fee,

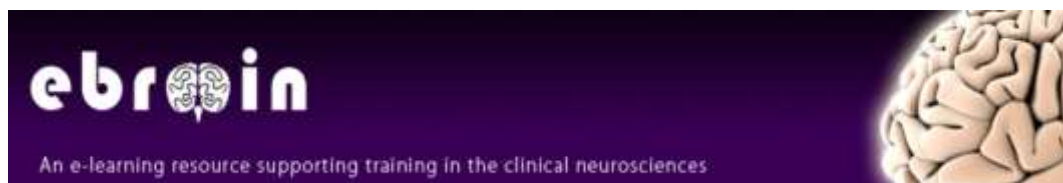
2022 promocode: **22BIASP**

All WSO members get discounted registrations rate for the congress.

[CLICK HERE](#) to join



Reduced membership for BIASP members.
Receive a discount of 50 EUR on the membership rate. Just select you are a BIASP member when applying and the fee will be reduced.
[CLICK HERE](#) to join



All members of BIASP have free access to ebrain, at www.ebrain.net. ebrain has over 500 elearning sessions approved to provide CPD by the Royal College of Physicians, including practice MCQs, virtual patients, and some webinars.

- To access ebrain, please go to www.ebrain.net or learning.ebrain.net
- If you do not know your password [CLICK HERE](#)
- If you are still struggling please email admin@ebrain.net stating that you are a member of BIASP

Virtual Learning Hub



The BIASP Virtual Learning Hub is delighted to be hosting monthly live webinars from invited stroke experts to speak on a broad range of topics from across the stroke care pathway.

BIASP are hosting monthly 1-hour webinar sessions with the opportunity to ask the presenters questions at the end of each session. The live webinars will also be uploaded to the Virtual Learning Hub in the BIASP Members-only section for you to watch any time afterwards.

Each webinar is **free** to attend, you must register in advance for each live session. A certificate will be issued for those who attend more than 75% of the session, and complete a short evaluation that appears on the screen directly after the session.

Click [HERE](#) to view past webinars on the BIASP Virtual Learning Hub.

Date for your diary:

Look out for more information on upcoming webinars listed below on our website, here, and in the newsletters:

7th April - Treatment resistant clots by Mark Robinson

12th May - Vascular Cognitive Impairment in relation to TIA and Stroke by Prof Sarah Pendlebury

British Geriatrics Society Fellowship

BGS wish to announce the 2nd Round of the Joint Doctoral Fellowship scheme with Dunhill Medical Trust is open for applications:

Deadline : **8th April 2022**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



Complete the census of higher specialty trainees 2021/22

At this crucial time for the NHS, we are asking for your input to help us influence health and social care policy and improve the experience of training by completing this year's census of higher specialist trainees. It only takes 10 minutes to fill in and you have until Friday 28 January 2022 to respond.

[CLICK HERE](#) for additional information

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the webpage for guidance

Research Update & Opportunities



BIASP are promoting a number of research opportunities
Full details can be viewed by clicking on 'view research opportunities'.

If you have any research opportunities you would like us to promote please email admin@biasp.org

Research Update

Published Paper on Informing patients with acute stroke about their risk of dementia: A survey of UK healthcare professionals
Following the distribution of the survey in November 2020 the published paper containing findings from this survey can be found [HERE](#)
Key findings from this survey are:

- Healthcare professionals (HCPs) are generally aware of risk factors for post-stroke dementia.
- HCPs do not routinely discuss dementia risk with patients at time of stroke.
- HCPs said carers were more likely than patients to ask about risk of dementia.
- HCPs think it could be helpful to discuss risk of dementia at the time of stroke.
- HCPs think that 1-6 months after stroke was the best time to discuss risk of dementia.

Research Surveys

Basilar Artery Occlusion Expert Opinion Survey

In the wake of the BASICS and BEST randomized trial data, we are interested in understanding current physician opinion and practices regarding optimal management of basilar artery occlusion. ABBA (After the BEST of BASICS) study group would like to invite you to complete this survey on basilar artery occlusion (BAO) mechanical thrombectomy. We estimate this survey will take 5 to 10 minutes to complete.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the survey

Quality Improvement Project Regarding Analgesia Prescribing in Patients with Spontaneous ICH.

Having recently worked on a stroke rotation as part of IMT2 Training, and with a particular interest in stroke medicine, Dr Jennifer Tucker and Dr Dinesh Chadha (Doncaster Royal Infirmary) are currently undertaking a quality improvement project regarding analgesia prescribing in patients with spontaneous ICH. They would be extremely grateful if you could spare a few minutes to fill in an online survey to help them capture a wide range of responses from those working in this field across the UK. An anonymous survey to investigate current approaches to analgesia prescribing of stroke clinicians in the UK, for patients with acute spontaneous intracranial haemorrhages has been designed.

The survey is comprised of ten questions and should take approximately 5 minutes or less, and the link is provided for your completion: [CLICK HERE](#)

Invitation to participate in a short survey on early rhythm control for acute stroke patients with atrial fibrillation

We are conducting a survey on clinical practice of early rhythm control (i.e., treatment to restore sinus rhythm) for patients with acute ischaemic stroke and atrial fibrillation. We would like to invite you to share your views on this topic by participating in the short survey

which will take no more than five minutes to complete.

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey

Management of Covert Brain Infarction Survey.

We are currently conducting a survey on the management of covert (previously silent) cerebral infarctions. These are the most common incidental finding in brain imaging, but expert opinions on diagnostic evaluation and preventive management are inconsistent. With the survey we hope to map the current management and clarify research priorities. The survey was developed in cooperation with the Center for Clinical Brain Sciences (Prof. Joanna Wardlaw).

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey.

Online survey exploring what apps stroke healthcare professionals use to rehabilitate post-stroke vision and attention problems.

Researchers at the University of East Anglia are looking for stroke healthcare professionals to take part in a short online survey. The survey is looking at what apps healthcare professionals use to help with problems with vision and attention after stroke. The survey takes around 15 minutes and all answers are anonymous. The survey is available in English and French.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) for the survey link

Research Opportunities

PREPARE: imPRoving End of life care Practice in stroke cARE

The Stroke Research Team at UCLan (University of Central Lancashire) are about to undertake a national survey funded by NIHR into end-of-life care following a stroke to refine our understanding of patients' and families' EoLC needs. We are looking to identify a named contact in stroke units across the UK in relation to this study. The contact will be asked to share a survey with three members of the MDT to help us understand the end-of-life care and support that is provided to acute stroke patients.

If you would be interested in being involved please email PREPARE@uclan.ac.uk for more information.



NIHR HTA commissioned call - Antidepressants for post-stroke emotionalism

The Health Technology Assessment Programme is accepting stage 1 applications to their commissioned workstream for this primary research topic.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information on how to apply and [CLICK HERE](#) to read the JLA Top 10 priorities

Closes 30th March 2022

Studies recruiting/ welcoming new sites by BIASP members

Database of UK patients with iatrogenic cerebral amyloid angiopathy

Cerebral amyloid angiopathy (CAA) is an age-related cerebral small vessel disease that causes brain haemorrhage and cognitive impairment. It is often diagnosed using MRI and associated with imaging features including cerebral microbleeds and cortical superficial siderosis.

We are creating a research database of people in the UK with a newly described form of CAA, called iatrogenic CAA.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

If you have a patient who you suspect has iatrogenic CAA, or would like more information on this condition, please contact Dr Gargi Banerjee (gargi.banerjee@nhs.net) for further details.

NIHR Stroke Research Workshop 2022

Save the Date



BIASP are pleased to announce the next **NIHR Stroke Research Workshop**.

Date: Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th September 2022

Location: Mercure Sheffield St Paul's hotel, Sheffield

Arranged under the auspices of the NIHR CRN Stroke Speciality. Supported by The Stroke Association, the British Association of Stroke Physicians and the National Institute for Health Research

Please refer to the links below for all the information:

[CLICK HERE](#) for Registration Flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) for Abstract Flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) for Bursary Flyer

Event Listings

Upcoming events will be listed here in future, if you have an event you wish to promote please contact admin@biasp.org



[REGISTRATION NOW OPEN](#)

Implementing Mechanical Thrombectomy in the UK Free Webinar

Implementing Mechanical Thrombectomy in the UK - FREE Webinar

1st March 2022, 1600-1815, Online

For the flyer [CLICK HERE](#)

To register [CLICK HERE](#)



The Stroke Alliance for Europe has launched the European Life After Stroke series of free events for 2022. The first event on **Friday 11 March 2022** (10.00-16.30 CET) Includes two plenary sessions covering the value of self-management and communications after stroke.

The first will share new ways of thinking about and building the evidence base on self-management. Drawing on examples from research and clinical practice, it will inspire participants to consider the potential of self-management support to deliver outcomes that matter most to people living with stroke and help more people post stroke feel supported, engaged and confident to self-manage.

The second plenary will focus on overcoming communication barriers which can be a challenge for people with stroke, who will share their experiences of and show that even without aphasia, communication failures are common and can result in confusion and distress.

There will be a mix of presentations from eminent speakers and contributions from stroke survivors.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

To register [CLICK HERE](#)

**BHF Data Science Centre
Research Showcase**

Wednesday 16th March 2022

Virtual event: 10am-4pm

<https://www.hdruc.ac.uk/events/bhf-data-science-centre-research-showcase/>

BHF DATA SCIENCE CENTRE RESEARCH SHOWCASE: WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH 2022

The BHF Data Science Centre is a partnership between the British Heart Foundation and Health Data Research UK which enables researchers to access and use health data from across the UK in the best ways possible to improve the public's cardiovascular health.

Join the first BHF Data Science Centre Research Showcase on Wednesday 16 March 2022 to learn more about the centre's trailblazing activities, progress and exciting future plans to improve UK-wide data-driven research into all heart and circulatory diseases.

This virtual free event will showcase the breadth and variety of vital work happening at the

BHF Data Science Centre, including enabling research using national linked health data across the UK, large-scale cardiovascular imaging, and streamlined data-enabled clinical trials. The showcase is aimed particularly at the broad research, cardiovascular and health data science communities, with a focus on scientific presentations and discussions.

This is your chance to hear more from the centre's team and leading experts involved in the work of the centre. Find out more about the potential opportunities for working with the BHF Data Science Centre to enable research that will drive faster breakthroughs in our understanding of cardiovascular diseases using health data.

For more information, a list of confirmed speakers and to register [CLICK HERE](#)

In the wake of COP26, the **Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh** will be running a series of short evening webinars on climate change and health.

For more information on each webinar [CLICK HERE](#)



Upcoming Webinars:

- Thursday 17 March 2022 – Strategies for mitigation (to lessen climate change) and adaptation (to reduce its impact on our health)
- Thursday 21 April 2022 - Clinical snapshots from around the globe
- Thursday 19 May 2022 - College action



ROYAL COLLEGE OF
PHYSICIANS AND
SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons Glasgow Stroke Conference 24th March 2022.

Returning for its tenth year, the Stroke 2022 Conference will be delivered in a hybrid format, welcoming both face to face and virtual delegates.

To register [CLICK HERE](#)



**16th World Congress on Controversies in Neurology (CONy) Virtual
March 24-27, 2022.**

The CONy Congresses serve as an exclusive platform for international experts to discuss and compare experiences which focus on unresolved issues in neurology. The congress will feature a first-class educational program with leading experts across all neurology specialties, such as Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia, Epilepsy, Headache, Multiple Sclerosis, Parkinson's Disease, Stroke and more.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)



BGS Spring Meeting
6-8 April 2022 - Online
For more information [CLICK HERE](#)



National Conference in Medicine for the Elderly, Wednesday 15th June 2022

NEW VENUE University of Leicester
College Court Conference Centre,
Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3UF

For programme information [CLICK HERE](#)
To register [CLICK HERE](#)

Career Opportunities

BASP lists NHS jobs on their website free of charge, to list your advert contact admin@basp.org

Here are the latest adverts for NHS stroke jobs. Click below for further information.

[Locum Stroke Consultant](#), London, Closes 28 Feb 2022

[Consultant Physician in Clinical Gerontology and Stroke Medicine](#), Orpington, Closes 2 March 2022

[Locum Consultant Stroke Physician](#), London, Closes 20 March 2022

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Gorleston, Closes 11 April 2022

Training Opportunities



Save the Date – 28 February 2022

King's College Hospital, Neuroscience department will be running a Stroke Masterclass which has received approval from the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of England for 10 CPD (e-Platform) points for this course.

For registration and further information please contact hanson.raju@nhs.net

British Association of Stroke Physicians (BASP) CT training lecture

The BASP CT Training lecture teaches about how to read acute stroke CT scans. It is useful to review in advance of participation in the Acute Cerebral CT Evaluation of Stroke Study (ACCESS).

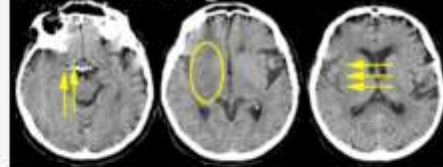
REGISTER FOR BASP CT Training

- We will send you a password with which to login

LOGIN TO BASP CT Training

- The BASP CT Training lecture was originally launched on 18 Dec 2003
- The BASP CT Training lecture was re-launched on 21 Nov 2018
- There are about 180 slides so expect to spend about 90 minutes / 1.5 hours working through the materials

BASP CT Training



Quick links

- [Participate in & train using BASP CT Training slides here](#)
- [Follow on & test yourself against experts, with the ACCESS series of 63 acute stroke CT scans](#)
- [Integrate imaging training with STARS Thrombolysis Masterclass](#)

Excellent and **free online stroke brain imaging training resources** at the University of Edinburgh:

- Acute cerebral CT evaluation of Stroke Study (ACCESS)
- BASP CT training lecture
- Acute CTA for thrombectomy in Stroke (ACTATS)

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the training



Free Neurology/Stroke Learning Resource

Improve your understanding and knowledge of clinical neurology and stroke! Gain confidence in diagnosing stroke mimics! Listen to Neuropodcases!

Neuropodcases is a free, podcast learning resource on clinical neurology and stroke, suitable for students, trainees, consultants and allied health professionals. These have been created by a team of Neurology trainees and consultants. We have a number of case-based Stroke/Vascular neurology, neuroradiology and clinico-anatomical localisation topics, all free to access and download.

Podcasts are available to download on Apple/Spotify or via the website

<https://www.neuropodcases.co.uk/>

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If you have any suggestions please get in touch with us contact@neuropodcases.co.uk

Online NIHSS Training

To access the **free version** of the training individuals need to register and login [HERE](#)

Online training 'Hyperacute Stroke Treatments Including Thrombolysis & Thrombectomy' - STARS Advancing Module

The latest module 'Hyperacute stroke treatments including thrombolysis & thrombectomy' is an online training resource aimed at all healthcare staff who are, or will be in the future, involved in the management of hyperacute stroke.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access this resource for free. A certificate is awarded on successful completion of both the module and the module test.

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