



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

**March 2022**

## **BIASP Exec Message**



Dr Yvonne Chun  
BIASP External  
Engagement Lead

In response to the appalling conflict in Ukraine, BIASP executive have issued a statement this month to express our solidarity with the civilians and healthcare workers that are being affected. The full statement by the European Stroke Organisation, endorsed by the BIASP executive, can be read [HERE](#).

Rehabilitation is an integral part of stroke care. It is vital that rehabilitation forms a core part of NHS future planning. We are pleased to announce that BIASP has joined the Community Rehabilitation Alliance (CRA), a partnership of more than 50 charities and professional bodies who are committed to improving commissioning, planning and delivery of rehabilitation. It is in this shared endeavour that this alliance has signed a letter to Lord Kamall, clearly setting out the need for tangible measures to ensure that rehabilitation services are at the heart of developing future NHS services.

BIASP is delighted to be contributing in two stroke sessions in the upcoming British Geriatric Society (BGS) Spring Meeting, to be held virtually on 6 - 8 April 2022. To further strengthen links between the two Societies and to support the workforce providing healthcare to older people, the BGS and BIASP have collaborated to offer a reciprocal 20% discount on new membership.

The discount is open to new BGS members and for your first membership year only. Scroll down this month's newsletter for the discount code and benefit from the offer from 1 April 2022.

Finally, to ensure BIASP has the most up-to-date membership information, I would encourage all members to access their member profile online [HERE](#) and update any information which has changed or should be added. Trainees who have completed CCT and are now consultants, please contact [admin@biasp](mailto:admin@biasp) so their records can be updated accordingly.

## BIASP Clinical Standards Subcommittee Update

As we continue to work under pressure in the post COVID recovery period, workforce remains one of our highest priorities. Below is a link to a report from Dr Eiman Abdelgadir, subcommittee member, highlighting features relevant to stroke consultants from the recent RCP consultant census.

We plan to continue to approach this problem from the 'grass roots' up continuing work with medical students, trying to increase stroke speciality recruitment and looking at ways to optimise sustainability within the current workforce.

To read Dr Eiman Abdelgadir's report [CLICK HERE](#)



Dr Michelle Dharmasiri  
Clinical Standards Subcommittee Chair

BIASP is now proud to be a member of the workforce coalition - A coalition of almost 90 health and care organisations – including the Royal College of Physicians – calling for stronger provisions on workforce planning in the Health and Care Bill. [CLICK HERE](#) for further details.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the second edition of the mechanical thrombectomy implementation guide which was published online in Feb 2022 with a webinar to mark the launch, available to watch back online.

Work continues on the focused update of the sixth edition of the Stroke National Clinical Guideline. We now have subcommittee representation in the community rehabilitation alliance and have recently reviewed and commented on the draft NICE updated recommendations for guideline NG128 Stroke and transient ischaemic attack in over 16s: diagnosis and initial management.

## BIASP Subcommittee Posts - Voting Now OPEN



BIASP is pleased to announce the Scientific Subcommittee's call for nominations. The vacant post is now **open** for your vote. Those eligible to vote should have received a unique link in an email.

If you have not received this please email [admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org)

Voting Closes **1st April 2022 at midnight**

## Ordinary Member for England Update



Dr Becky Jupp  
Ordinary Member  
for England

It has been a busy time in England over the last few months and lots of documents have recently been published. This update will be a signpost to all the latest toolkits and guidance including the following:

- Demand Signalling
- RightCare toolkit
- Critical time
- National Service Model for an Integrated Community Stroke Service (ICSS)
- NICE-endorsed Lipid Management Pathway.

To read Dr Jupp's report in full [CLICK HERE](#)

## Research Article

This month we are delighted to feature a perspective by Professor Peter Langhorne, from the University of Glasgow, about how clinical research has contributed to shaping stroke unit care.

To read Professor Langhorne's article [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.

## Guideline Update

1. Mechanical Thrombectomy for acute ischaemic stroke: an implementation guide for the UK.

Second Edition Feb 2022, [CLICK HERE](#)

2. European Stroke Organisation – European Society for Minimally Invasive Neurological Therapy expedited recommendation on indication for intravenous thrombolysis before mechanical thrombectomy in patients with acute ischaemic stroke and anterior circulation large vessel occlusion, European Stroke Journal 2022, Vol. 7(1) I–XXVI [CLICK HERE](#)

3. Identifying Best Practices to Improve Evaluation and Management of In-Hospital Stroke: A Scientific Statement From the American Heart Association, [CLICK HERE](#)

## Mentorship Programme

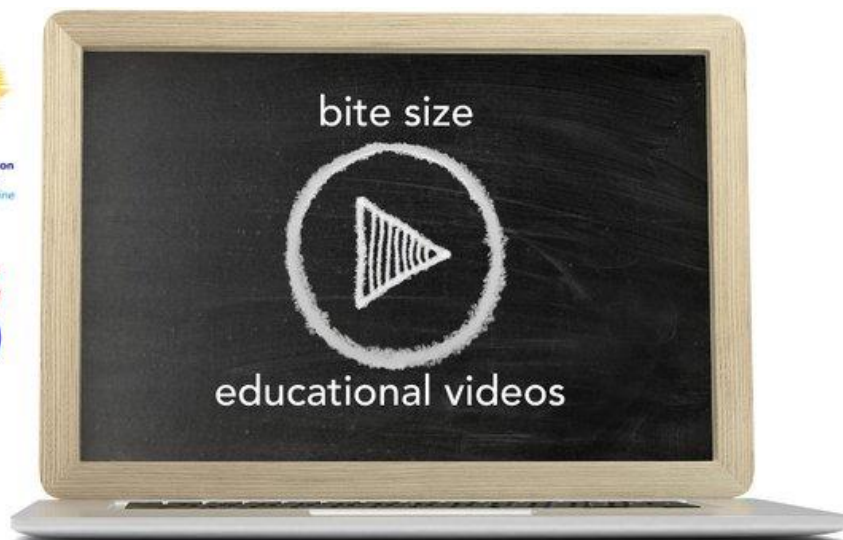
BIASP are launching a mentorship programme this year and we are emailing current registrars who are considering stroke medicine as part of their future consultant job plan to ask if you would be interested in having a mentor? We are delighted to say that we have had many responses from consultants within BIASP already, who have agreed to act as mentors.



This scheme will be aimed at those in early specialty training, including IMT3, in all stroke parent specialties.

If you think you would be interested and are currently an IMT3 or registrar, please could you email [admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org)

## 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](mailto: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 have both received free attendance at the BIASP Trainees Meeting.

Our runner up was Aditi Chaturvedi from the University College of Dublin. The following month's newsletters 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 **Aditi Chaturvedi**



## Member's Benefits



BGS and BIASP understand that some of their members have a significant overlap in their Geriatric and Stroke roles. To improve the healthcare of older people, the British Geriatrics Society offers a [range of membership benefits](#) and resources for its members.



To further strengthen links between the Societies and to support the workforce providing healthcare to older people, the BGS and BIASP have collaborated to offer a 20% discount on new BGS membership.

The discount is open to new BGS members and for your first membership year only.

To join the BGS membership, [CLICK HERE](#) and use the discount code **BIASP22** to benefit from this offer from **1 April 2022**.

Thinking of joining WSO?

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

2022 promocode: **22BIASP**

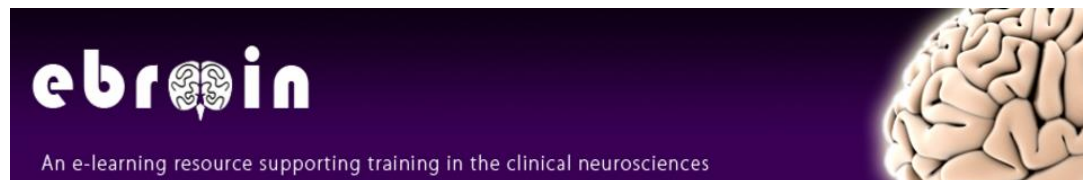
All WSO members get discounted registrations rate for the congress.

[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.

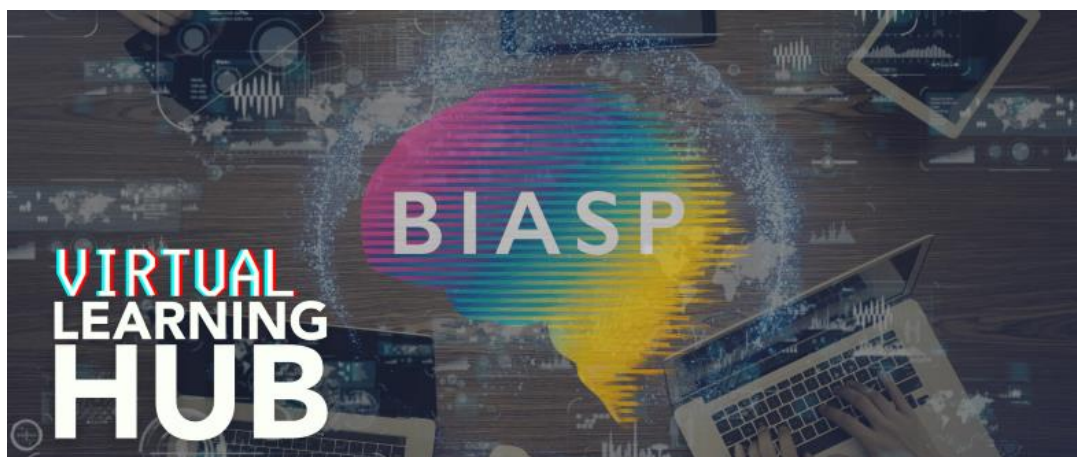
[CLICK HERE](#) to join



All members of BIASP have free access to ebrain, at [www.ebrain.net](http://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](http://www.ebrain.net) or [learning.ebrain.net](http://learning.ebrain.net)
- If you do not know your password [CLICK HERE](#)
- If you are still struggling please email [admin@ebrain.net](mailto: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:

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



**Webinar 14 - Treatment of “resistant” and unusual thrombosis**  
**6th April 2022, 17:30-18:30**

Dr Mark Robinson, Consultant  
Haematologist, Cambridge University  
Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust  
(cpd points tbc)

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



## Community Rehabilitation Alliance

BIASP are pleased to be part of the Community Rehabilitation Alliance. Each month we will post links to the alliance's rehabilitation initiatives, events and news that are relevant to stroke professionals.

Click the links below for more information.

Stronger my Way Webinar, a behaviour change campaign from the CSP and Sport England to help professionals empower people to do strengthening on a more regular basis, [Wednesday 30 March, 09:45 – 10:30](#)

UKactive's message on [National Fitness Day](#), Wednesday 21st September

### Acquired brain injury call for evidence by the Government

This call for evidence will inform the development of the government's acquired brain injury strategy. Rather than a formal consultation on specific proposals, it constitutes a request for ideas on which we can build.

It will run for a period of 12 weeks and is open to everyone aged 16 and over. You can respond as an individual or on behalf of an organisation.

The easiest way for BIASP members to participate in the call for evidence is to complete the online survey, [CLICK HERE](#)

## 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



## 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](mailto:admin@biasp.org)

## 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

UKE 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.**

The Stroke Research Centre, Bern 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](mailto: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](mailto:gargi.banerjee@nhs.net)) for further details.

## **NIHR Stroke Research Workshop 2022**

### **Save the Date**



ROYAL COLLEGE OF  
PHYSICIANS AND  
SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

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

Supported by the NIHR CRN Stroke Speciality Group, Stroke Association and BIASP

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](mailto:admin@biasp.org)

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 21 April 2022 - Clinical snapshots from around the globe
- Thursday 19 May 2022 - College action



Trusted evidence.  
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Help shape a co-developed model for physical rehabilitation in stroke for a Cochrane Review

Are you interested in physical rehabilitation for stroke? Would you like to learn about the development of a new model of physical rehabilitation by stroke survivors, carers and physiotherapists and give feedback on this new model of physical rehabilitation?

Join a 90 minute interactive webinar. During the webinar you will hear why, and how, a group of stroke survivors, carers and physiotherapists worked together to co-develop a model that describes physical rehabilitation after stroke. You will be asked for your thoughts and feedback to help make further changes / improvements to this model. This is your chance to shape a model of physical rehabilitation that will be used to bring research evidence together.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

**Tuesday, 29 March 2022,**  
14:00 UTC [Check the time in your time zone]  
[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up

**Thursday, 31 March 2022,**  
07:00 UTC [Check the time in your time zone]  
[CLICK HERE](#) to sign up

**Guideline on stroke in women:**  
Management of menopause, pregnancy  
and puerperium  
Webinar - **Tuesday, 29 March** from 16:00  
– 17:30 CET  
[CLICK HERE](#) to register

A banner for a guideline webinar. It features a woman's face in profile on the right side. The text on the left reads: "GUIDELINE WEBINAR", "Find out more about our latest guidelines and recommendations.", "TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2022", "16:00-17:30 CET". On the right, a green speech bubble contains the text: "DO NOT MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY", "SIGN UP NOW FOR FREE!". The ESO logo is in the bottom right corner.

**GUIDELINE WEBINAR**

Find out more about our latest guidelines and recommendations.

**TUESDAY, 29 MARCH 2022**  
16:00-17:30 CET

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**ESO**  
Elderly Society of Obstetricians

A banner for the British Geriatrics Society Spring Meeting 2022. It has a pink background. On the left, it says "British Geriatrics Society" and "Improving healthcare for older people". In the center, a white circle contains a Wi-Fi symbol and the text "Virtual Event!" and "6-8 April 2022". On the right, there are icons of people and the BGS logo.

British Geriatrics Society  
Improving healthcare for older people

**Spring Meeting 2022**

Virtual Event!  
6-8 April 2022

BGS

### **BGS Spring Meeting** 6-8 April 2022 - Online

The British Geriatrics Society 2022 Spring Meeting is a virtual conference on 6-8 April 2022 for all clinicians caring for older people. It will present the latest scientific research and the best clinical practice in the core areas of care of older people. There is a workshop on DGM clinical examinations led by examiners Professor Michael Vassallo and Ms Jo Jennings. All sessions available on demand for one year.

This meeting has applied for 18 credits of live CPD credit (expires 8 May 2022) and 18 credits distance learning CPD accreditation (expires 8 April 2023) from the RCP. There is a trainees' networking Zoom also open to non-attendees. Attendance cost is £90 for pre-CCT/CESR, £180 post-CCT/CESR; non-member rates are available.

For full details and speaker programme [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](mailto:admin@basp.org)



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

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Lincoln, Closes 5 April 2022

[Stroke Consultant Physician](#), Worcester, Closes 5 April 2022

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Swindon, Closes 14 April 2022

#### Other job vacancies:

[Clinical Research Fellow in the Department of Brain Repair and Rehabilitation](#), UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology, Closes 31 March 2022

## Training Opportunities

### 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



#### 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 Neuropodcasts! Neuropodcasts 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.neuropodcasts.co.uk/> @NPodcasts

If you have any suggestions please get in touch with us [contact@neuropodcasts.co.uk](mailto:contact@neuropodcasts.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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