



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

December 2022

## BIASP Exec Message



Prof Gillian Mead  
BIASP President

It was wonderful to see so many of you in person at the UKSF, and to speak to you at the BIASP stand and at the AGM. BIASP held its first Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) meeting, co-hosted with the Stroke Association.

And many congratulations to Professor Gary Ford for the BIASP 2022 President's Award.

I feel immensely proud to be a stroke clinician in the UK. Massive improvements in stroke care in the five nations have been achieved over the past few years, through research and service innovation. Yet this progress is at risk for multiple reasons-including the immense pressures facing the stroke workforce, unfilled posts in stroke medicine and funding

constraints.

In Scotland, these funding constraints will impact on the planned development of thrombectomy services. Dr Terry Quinn, the BIASP Scotland representative and I have written, on behalf of BIASP, to the Cabinet Secretary for Health, asking that the Scottish Government urgently re-commits to a national thrombectomy service for the people of Scotland. Terry has been leading other media activities in collaboration with Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland and the Stroke Association.

BIASP will continue to work with Stroke Association and CHSS to campaign for thrombectomy. If you want to read more about BIASP activity around thrombectomy in Scotland, Terry Quinn has provided a report [CLICK HERE](#)

Workforce in the five nations remains one of BIASP's key objectives, and BIASP continues to work closely with other key organisations. As always, we welcome ideas about how BIASP can best support its members in the forthcoming year-so please do get in touch.

Thank you for all that you are doing to advance stroke medicine. I hope that you are able to have some rest over the coming weeks, and I wish you all good health in 2023.

## BIASP at UKSF 2022

"It was fantastic to see so many colleagues and friends again in person at UKSF in Liverpool recently: 2022 was a record-breaking year with over 1600 delegates and 400 abstracts. There were too many highlights to mention but I particularly enjoyed UKSF Desert Island Discs with Tom Robinson and Marcus Birdman – something different and inspiring for younger stroke physicians contemplating a career in clinical stroke research. As usual BIASP made a major contribution to many excellent sessions including on frailty, small vessel disease and prevention. And don't forget that delegates can still view UKSF sessions on demand.

The BIASP UKSF stand was a great success, thanks to all the hard work by Fitwise and the BIASP Executive Committee. It was well attended with excellent engagement in discussions about career opportunities and workforce challenges. From what I saw we should hopefully see an increase in membership applications in the coming months.

At a time when so many stroke services are facing staff shortages and increasing winter pressures the UKSF was an opportunity to reflect on the great multidisciplinary strengths

of UK stroke research. On this note of optimism I wish all BIASP members a peaceful Christmas – hopefully with time to relax amidst the demands of festive rotas - and all the very best for success in 2023!"

Prof David Werring  
BIASP President-elect

Yvonne Chun took great photos at the BIASP stand, here are a few. More on the website, [CLICK HERE](#)



## 2022 Awards



### BIASP President's Award

Congratulations to the recipient of the 2022 BIASP President's award, **Prof Gary Ford**

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### Warlow Prize Winner

Brian Drumm

"Basilar artery occlusion management: UK perspectives from After the BEST of BASICS (ABBA) study"

## BIASP Trainee Subcommittee Update

It was a pleasure to meet some of you in Liverpool at the UK Stroke Forum earlier this month.

The BIASP stand was a hive of activity, and it was great to see so many trainees networking and discussing important topics like the new curriculum with each other.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read Dr Induruwa's report



Dr Isuru Induruwa  
Trainee Subcommittee Chair

## BIASP Training & Education Subcommittee

BIASP is pleased to announce the newly appointed T&E Subcommittee members are:

Dr Sarita Sochart

Dr Jessica Beavan

Dr Senthil Raghunathan

## Equality, Diversity & Inclusion UKSF Update



Dr Soma Banerjee  
ED&I Lead

It was great to see so many new and familiar faces at the UKSF recently. I'm excited to say that the BIASP ED&I session was well attended with over 70 people present.

We were extremely fortunate to have a talk from Gillian Mead, BIASP president and Deb Lowe, National Clinical Director for Stroke, setting the scene. Rubina Ahmed from the Stroke Association was facilitating, and running the polls which generated some very interesting results.

We discussed career progression for SAS doctors, and Women in Stroke Medicine, as 2 key areas we are currently focussing on. There were interesting polling responses on both of these areas, and a discussion about the role of mentorship in general.

It became clear that good quality data on both of these areas are lacking within our specialty. Deb Lowe mentioned a poor response rate of 18% to the RCP census covering both consultants and SAS doctors. We would urge all relevant members to complete this, as a more complete data set will help facilitate future plans in this area.

## Executive Member for Scotland

It has been a busy few weeks for BIASP in Scotland.

Following a Scottish Government announcement of funding cuts to thrombectomy services, we responded promptly with a petition, meetings with the cabinet secretary and a media campaign.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more

@DrTerryQuinn



Dr Terry Quinn  
Executive Member for Scotland

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Dr Terry Quinn & BIASP's Honorary members Jane-Claire Judson, CEO of CHSS spoke on STV to urge the Scottish Government to reverse cuts in funding for treatment for stroke patients. [CLICK HERE](#)

Doctors and nurses are concerned the proposed roll-out will not go ahead



## BIASP Sustainability Update



Dr Bethan Davies  
Sustainability Lead

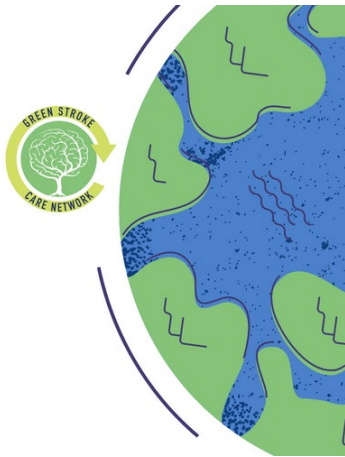
It was fantastic to see sustainability policies in action at the UKSF in Liverpool last month. Working in a complex organisation like the NHS it can sometimes feel like an uphill struggle to make changes like reducing red meat on patient menus and moving to digital notes – so well done to the organisers for taking the plunge and going paperless and meat-free. I hope this becomes the template for other conferences to follow!

The BIASP innovation in sustainable stroke care has launched! The competition is open to all junior doctors, nurses and AHPs working in stroke care for ideas to reduce the environmental impact of stroke care. Entrants do not have to be BIASP members so

please share with your wider teams and support your colleagues to apply. [CLICK HERE](#) for further details and the application form.

This month the Chief Medical Officer's report on air pollution was published. Although concentrations of air pollution have decreased over the last 100 years, there are still major health gains to be made from improving air quality further – including a significant reduction in stroke incidence. Read the report to find out more [CLICK HERE](#)

## Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition



### BIASP Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition

**Launch date 29th November**

**Closing date 31st January at midnight**

[CLICK HERE](#) for information

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) for the application form

## BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize

### BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize

**Launch date 29th November**

**Closing date 1st February**

[CLICK HERE](#) for information

[CLICK HERE](#) for the application form

Please encourage students to apply for this competition



## Is your member profile up to date?

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.



**Please check and update your details, ticking all options which are relevant to you, particularly any other organisations you may also be a member of. This will only take a few minutes.**

[CLICK HERE](#) to login to the members area.

## Mentorship Programme



**We are now going live with the new BIASP mentorship scheme.  
CPD approved, 3 points**

Many of you have volunteered to become mentors, or have requested to become a Mentee.

As part of this scheme we have developed online training materials which may be of interest also to those of you who have not yet volunteered to Mentor, and are free of charge for all members to complete. CPD points on completion of mentor training.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the training materials

### **Are you interested in being mentored?**

We are also looking for mentees to participate in this programme. This opportunity is open to those enrolled in early specialty training, including IMT3, in a stroke parent specialty.

Register your interest by completing the form via the link [HERE](#)

## **Take up Stroke Fellows**

**TakeUpStroke**



This month Katherine Williamson, has submitted her Take up stroke fellow update.

To read her report in full [CLICK HERE](#)

## **Member Benefits & Discounts**

## NEW Benefit for Current and New Members - 20% Discount

Our new benefit started on 1st June 2022 and is for those members who work less than full time, if you work 8 PAs or less, when membership is due for renewal or when a new member joins.

Current members should send in their job plan to [admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org) at least one month before their renewal date.

The 20% discount will be applied upon review of the job plan.



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Other Association discounts available for BIASP Members  
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



## Stroke GIRFT National Specialty Report



**Stroke GIRFT Programme National Specialty Report Review 8 - Rehabilitation and life after stroke**

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the report from Dr Richard Marigold

## Research Updates & Opportunities



If you have any research opportunities you would like us to promote please email

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

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### **2022 Completion of medical training report - RCP, RCPE, RCPSG, JRCPTB**

The Royal College of Physicians, Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh and Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow are pleased to release the [summary of our 14th survey](#) reporting the experiences of and outcomes for physicians within a year of gaining their CCT (certificate of completion of training). We thought you would be interested in reading the report.

Physicians in all 30 medical specialties in the UK who gained their CCT during 2021 were asked about their current working situation, experience of training and transition to a consultant role.

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### **RCP 2022 census of UK consultants and SAS doctors**

At this critical time for the NHS workforce throughout the UK, please help influence national policy by completing this year's Physicians' Census.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the non-personalised link to the survey

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**Cognitive Care Pathway Survey**  
**Closing date 18 January 2023**

The Translational Neuropsychology Group at the University of Oxford is developing a cognitive care pathway for stroke survivors. We are looking for healthcare professionals to take part in a short survey to inform the development of this pathway. The survey should take approximately 5-10 minutes.

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey

If you have any questions, please contact

Georgie Hobden([georgina.hobden@psy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:georgina.hobden@psy.ox.ac.uk)) or

Prof Nele Demeyere ([nele.demeyere@ndcn.ox.ac.uk](mailto:nele.demeyere@ndcn.ox.ac.uk)).

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**Latest NIHR funding opportunity**

Health Technology Assessment (HTA) Programme  
22/166 Rehabilitation and Care following Stroke

**Opens** 24 November 2022

**Closes** 29 March 2023 @ 13:00

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about the funding opportunity

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**Developing a decision making pathway for management of anticoagulation in OAC  
associated ICH**

**Closing date 31 March 2023**

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the abstract

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey

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**Patients with MRI negative transient neurological events survey**

We are exploring the feasibility of completing an international trial assessing the use of antiplatelet therapy in the long term in patients with transient symptoms who have a MRI negative for acute ischaemia.

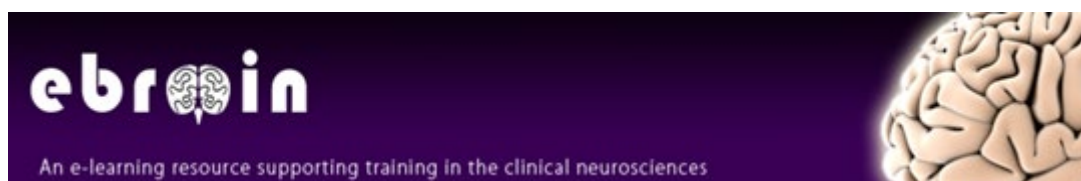
We feel that this is an important group of patients that in many cases the long term treatment is unclear. This survey is designed to try and assess how common this problem is and physicians' feelings on the subject. It should take no more than a couple of minutes to complete.

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

Please contact me directly if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Jason Appleton ([jasonappleton@nhs.net](mailto:jasonappleton@nhs.net)) on behalf of Shelagh Coutts, University of Calgary



[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey on behalf of the Joint Neurosciences Council, seeking to determine the level of awareness, usage and utility of 'ebrain' as a neurosciences online educational resource.

Through your membership subscription, you are currently able to have free access to ebrain. ebrain and the JNC would like to determine the role that resources like ebrain have in both training and continuing professional development.

## Stroke Association, Saving Brains Campaign



Thrombectomy saves brains, saves money and changes lives. It's one of the most effective medical interventions ever discovered. But most people who need this treatment don't get it. It's subject to availability.

Find out about the Stroke Association's campaign across the UK nations by clicking on the report for each nation:

Saving Brains in [England](#)

Saving Brains in [Northern Ireland](#)

Saving Brains in [Scotland](#)

Saving Brains in [Wales](#), [Welsh version](#)

Thrombectomy in Republic of Ireland:

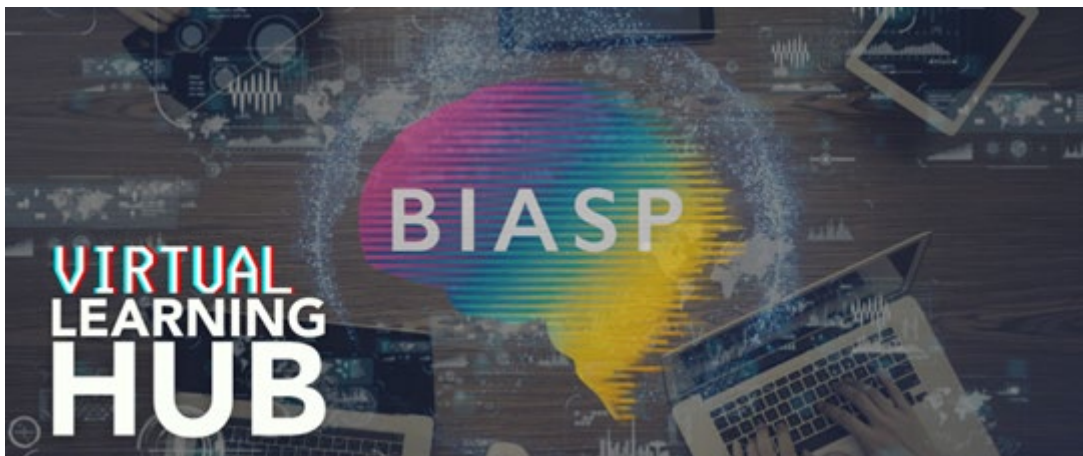
[Republic of Ireland](#)--the National Stroke Strategy 2020-2025 Endovascular thrombectomy p.27

## InterAct Stroke Support for Health Professionals

The charity currently has arrangements to read in 19 UK hospitals. During the pandemic it also developed online reading services, particularly aimed at stroke survivors after discharge from hospital, and these are continuing.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more

## Virtual Learning Hub



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.

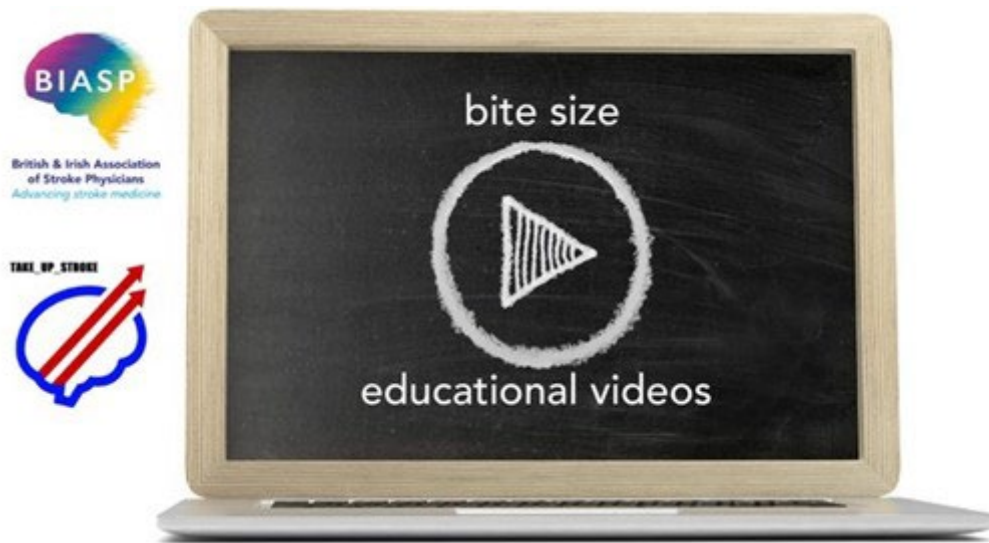
Each webinar is **free** to attend, you must register in advance for each live session. A certificate will be issued for those who attend more than 75% of the session, and complete a short evaluation that appears on the screen directly after the session.

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

**Date for your diary:**

Look out for 2023 Webinar promotion

## Bitesize Educational Hub



Bitesize videos are now available to view on the BIASP website.

Topics include:

- **Why I love Stroke**
- **Joys of working as an MDT**
- **Why I chose stroke as a career**
- **A patient's journey**

[CLICK HERE](#) to view them.

Contact [admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org) for further information if these inspire you to film a video of your own.

## Education

## Master of Advanced Studies in Stroke Medicine 2024 - 2026

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

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The Stroke-Specific Education Framework (SSEF) [Role Profile for Advanced Clinical Practitioners](#) has recently been created and is now published, and freely available to all, on the SSEF Online Toolkit.

The Stroke-Specific Education Framework (SSEF) [Role Profiles for Nurses](#) (Bands 5-8) have recently been updated and are now published, and freely available to all, on the SSEF Online Toolkit.

The Stroke-Specific Education Framework (SSEF) are working through the Role Profile Library and are currently focussing on updating the **Occupational Therapist** Role Profiles (Bands 5-8).

[CLICK HERE](#) if you are interested in being involved with the Occupational Therapist Role Profile Working Group.

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Different Strokes Charity for younger stroke survivors have a series of webinars every fortnight to engage with beneficiaries and health care professionals.

Webinars are accessible for all to see,

[CLICK HERE](#)



## Events

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)

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## Trainees' Meeting 2023

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**Corporate Suite  
Anglia Ruskin University  
Cambridge  
23-24 March 2023**

**Main Sponsor**  
  
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We are pleased to say that next year's BIASP Trainees Meeting will be held as a face-to-face event.

**Corporate Suite, Anglia Ruskin University Cambridge  
23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2023**

This two-day event is ideal for anyone involved in stroke care within UK and Ireland, particularly stroke trainees, but also junior doctors, stroke nurses, AHPs and consultants. There will be talks from stroke experts around the UK, mapped to the curriculum to make this a truly unique educational event.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to register to attend

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The 17<sup>th</sup> World Congress on  
**CONTROVERSIES IN NEUROLOGY**  
March 23-25, 2023  
**DUBROVNIK, CROATIA**



**The 17th World Congress on Controversies in Neurology**

**March 23-26, 2023 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.**

In person event

Abstract submission **deadline 30th November**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

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**BNA 2023 Festival of Neuroscience**

Brighton between 23<sup>rd</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> April

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration and more information

JNC societies can access numerous benefits, including inviting your staff, grant-holders and members to register for the Festival at **BNA member prices** and benefit from interacting with people from multiple fields of neuroscience.

The discount code is **JNCBNA2023**

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**BGS Spring Meeting**

**17-19 May 2023**

**Edinburgh EICC**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and registration

**Early Bird 10% discount until 17/03/2023**

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**WSC 2023!**  
**October 10-12, 2023 | Toronto, Canada**

The 15th World Stroke Congress (WSC 2023) will assemble the international stroke community to work together to reduce the burden of stroke by delivering improvements in prevention, treatment and recovery. Join global professionals to discuss the latest science, clinical trials, breakthroughs and guidelines to stroke prevention. Connect to a global network committed to provide quality stroke care through skill-building and high-quality research and help us keep the stroke community united at WSC 2023!

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

## Career Opportunities

BIASP lists NHS jobs on their website free of charge, to list your advert contact [admin@biasp.org](mailto:admin@biasp.org)

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

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Wrexham, closes 25 December 2022

[Locum consultant in Stroke](#), Romford, closes 28 December 2022

[Specialist Grade in Stroke Medicine](#), Taunton, closes 29 December 2022

[Clinical Fellow Rotation \(ST1-2 Grade\) Neurology & Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 1 January 2023

[Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine](#), Telford, closes 5 January 2023

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 8 January 2023

[Consultant in Medicine for Older People & Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 8 January 2023

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 12 January 2023

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 12 January 2023

[Consultant Physician in Clinical Gerontology and Stroke Medicine](#), Orpington, closes 15 January 2023

[Consultant \(Stroke\) Physician](#), Lancaster, closes 18 January 2022

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## HEE Podcast

### **New podcast - Health Education England (HEE) releases podcast discussing stroke careers**

The HEE Stroke Careers Podcast series takes an in depth look into stroke medicine careers including real life experiences, the career pathway and how we deliver care across the country.

This episode is jointly hosted by Dr Deborah Lowe, National Clinical Director for Stroke Medicine at NHS England and Dr Jon Cooper, Stroke Consultant in Yorkshire and the Humber and Postgraduate Dean at Health Education England. They discuss their career pathways, the benefits of a career in stroke, and opportunities for the future workforce.

You can listen to this podcast on HEE's [Anchor FM channel](#).

If you would like to learn more about Health Education England's work around stroke you can email: [ltcp@hee.nhs.uk](mailto:ltcp@hee.nhs.uk) or visit the [stroke page on the HEE website](#).

## Training Opportunities

Excellent and **freeonline 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

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### **Free Neurology/Stroke Learning Resource**

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.

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](mailto:contact@neuropodcases.co.uk)

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### **Online NIHSS Training**

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

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

[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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