



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

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BIASP Exec Message



Dr Ganesh Subramanian
BIASP Honorary Secretary

Welcome to 2023 and hope you have had a good start to the new year.

I am delighted to inform you that there are various new members who have joined the BIASP subcommittees in the last couple of months. I also have the pleasure of informing that you Drs Louise Shaw and Michelle Dharmasiri have accepted to extend their tenure as Training & Education and Clinical Standards Subcommittee Chairperson for another term – I am most grateful for all the work they have done and very pleased to know that it will continue for a few more years.

I would also like to thank Dr Isuru Induruwa who will step down as the Trainees Subcommittee Chair at the end of March after stellar service over the last 3 years – I wish him all the very best in future endeavours and hope to see him in another BIASP role soon.

A warm welcome to Dr Abhijit Das who has taken over from Prof Craig Smith as the Chair of Scientific Subcommittee (and thank you so much Craig for all your hard work).

Talking of BIASP roles, Dr Yvonne Chun is stepping down from her position of External Engagement Lead in the Exec Committee after 3 years – thank you so much Yvonne for all your work and you have been a breath of fresh air for a dinosaur like me!

BIASP will be advertising for this position in the next few weeks – I (on behalf of the Exec) would be delighted to have you on board. The Treasurer role is also coming up for re-election – this will also be out very soon.

In November, under the Freedom of Information Act, I requested information on how many stroke physicians were successful in last year's ACCIA awards. The awards were not announced at that time, this will be chased and I'll keep you posted. BIASP will continue to lobby with ACCIA to reinstate BIASP as an NNO. Watch this space.

Please ensure you take time out to recharge in these hectic times. All the best

BIASP Trainees Meeting March 2023



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Trainees' Meeting 2023

Corporate Suite
Anglia Ruskin University
Cambridge
23-24 March 2023

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We have secured the use of a thrombectomy simulator, facilitating practice of clot-retrieval in clinical scenarios, to be used by delegates at the BIASP trainee meeting.

Come join us in the breakout room on 23rd and 24th March.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

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BIASP Honorary Member



BIASP is pleased to announce Professor Frederike van Wijck has been appointed as Honorary Member following ratification at the AGM in November 2022.

Frederike van Wijck is Professor of Neurological Rehabilitation at the Institute for Applied Health Research and the School for Health and Life Sciences at Glasgow Caledonian University

BIASP Clinical Subcommittee Update

Happy New Year and I hope you are all recovering from enjoyable Christmas excesses.

Our focus remains strongly on workforce and I include a link to the poster displayed at the UK Stroke Forum for those who were unable to attend. Thank you for all your 'post it' suggestions which will add to our strategy.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the workforce poster



Dr Michelle Dharmasiri
Clinical Standards Subcommittee Chair

Early December we had a reassuring meeting with Boehringer-Ingelheim. Despite the ongoing shortage – clinical demand for alteplase has been met and increased production is starting.

The Executive and Clinical Standards Subcommittee have submitted Peer review of the upcoming RCP stroke guideline update and we hope to hear more about publication soon.

New Clinical Standards Subcommittee Member

BIASP is pleased to announce following a vote by members, Dr Joseph Kwan is appointed as the new Clinical Standards Subcommittee member.

Dr Dharmasiri would like to thank Ivan Wiggam and Richard Marigold for all their hard work on the Clinical Standards Subcommittee. It has been hugely appreciated and they will be missed.

New Clinical Guidelines

Lipid Optimisation Pathway following an Acute Cardiovascular Event

Acute Ischaemic Stroke / Transient Ischaemic Attack (TIA) or Acute Coronary Syndrome (ACS)

The Oxford Academic Health Science Network. [CLICK HERE](#)

GIRFT stroke report – Rehabilitation and Life after Stroke - [CLICK HERE](#)

Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition



BIASP Innovation in Sustainable Stroke Care Competition

Launch date 29th November

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

Closing date extended to 28th February at midnight

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and application form

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize

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Launch date 29th November

Closing date midnight 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



Bharath Podapati, has submitted this month's Take up stroke fellow update on:

- Quality Improvement project on Thrombolysis/Intraarterial Thrombectomy (IAT) pathway
- Promoting Stroke Medicine as a career opportunity for Junior doctors and Medical student

To read the 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 at least one month before their renewal date.

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



Other Association discounts available for BIASP Members

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



Stroke GIRFT National Specialty Report



Stroke GIRFT Programme National Specialty Report Review - Audit and Review

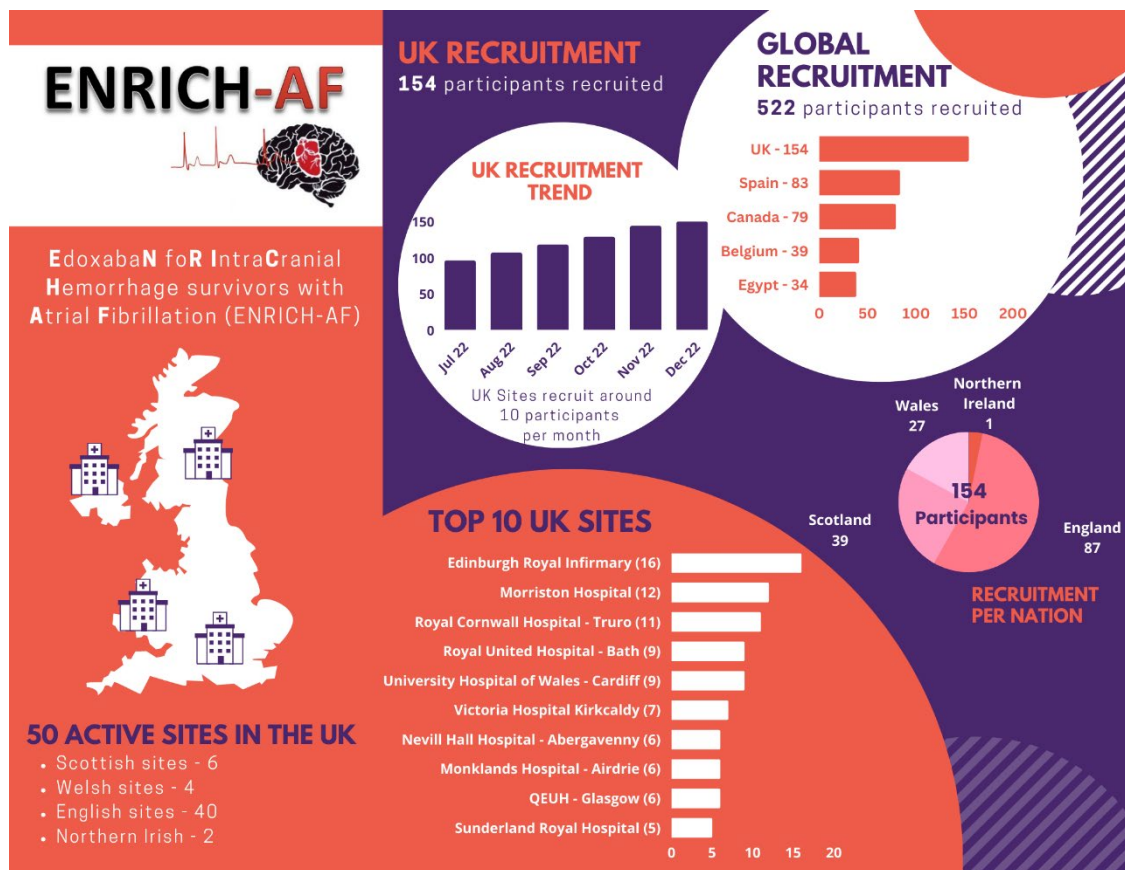
[CLICK HERE](#) to read the report from Dr Richard Marigold

Research Updates & Opportunities



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

Research Article



Kasia Adamczuk, Centre for Clinical Brain Sciences (CCBS), provided this month's research article.

[ENRICH-AF](#) is an international randomised controlled trial that compares starting versus avoiding oral anticoagulation (edoxaban) for atrial fibrillation (AF) after intracranial haemorrhage. 50 of 220 active sites and 154 of 522 participants are from the UK. As this is an event-driven trial, the recruitment will end once 123 primary efficacy events (stroke) have accrued. ENRICH-AF will assess the safety and efficacy of anticoagulant therapy in AF patients after the intracranial haemorrhage.

The UK National Leader for this study is Professor Rustam Al-Shahi Salman - Rustam.Al-Shahi@ed.ac.uk.

More information on ENRICH-AF can be found [HERE](#)

Surveys

2022 Completion of medical training report - RCP, RCPE, RCPSPG, 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.



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

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

**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

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) on behalf of Shelagh Coutts, University of Calgary

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](#)

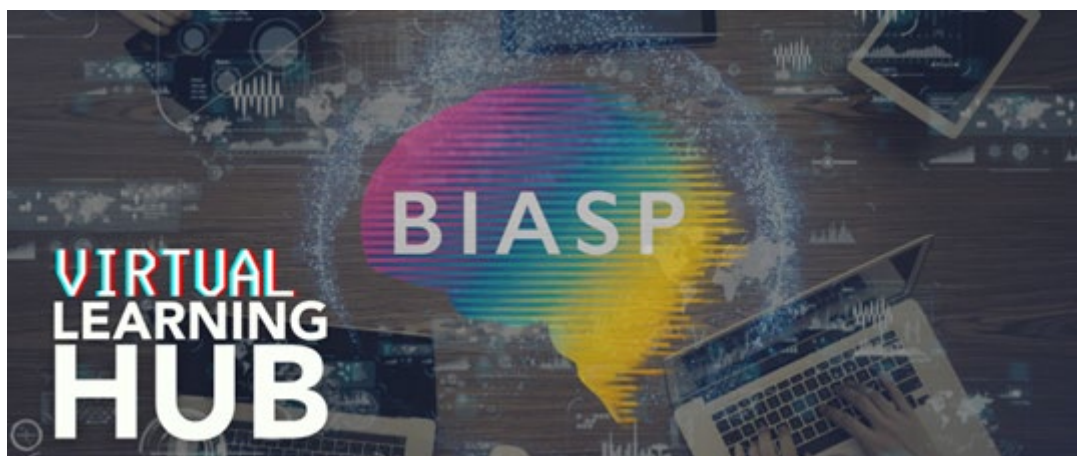
Saving Brains in [Scotland](#)

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

Thrombectomy in Republic of Ireland:

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

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 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



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.

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



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Trainees' Meeting 2023

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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
23rd and 24th 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

ESO guideline webinar

Moyamoya angiopathy and Tenecteplase
in patients with acute ischaemic stroke

**Thursday, 2 February 2023, 17:00 - 18:30
CET.**



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IN EUROPE**

[Register now](#) for information and to listen to key presentations on the topic.
The presentations will be followed by a live Q&A.

World Stroke Academy

Free webinar with international leaders on stroke and integrated care for a challenging syndrome.

Stroke: Integrated care for a challenging syndrome on February 3, 2023, at 3pm CET/GMT+1

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



**European Life After Stroke Forum
10 March 2023, Barcelona, Spain**

The Stroke Alliance for Europe (SAFE) is holding their first face to face event that focuses on Life After Stroke.

SAFE's European Life After Stroke Forum will feature the latest evidence and research in life after stroke.

The Forum aims to build our collective knowledge in life after stroke, stimulate debate and improve the quality of life after stroke for people living with stroke in Europe.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme overview



The 17th World Congress on Controversies in Neurology

March 23-26, 2023 in Dubrovnik, Croatia.

In person event

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



BNA 2023 Festival of Neuroscience

Brighton between 23rd – 26th 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**



BGS Spring Meeting

17-19 May 2023

Edinburgh EICC

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

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

ESOC 2023

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

29 March 2023- Early registration deadline



British Geriatrics Society
Improving healthcare for older people

2023 Trainees Meeting

Hybrid, in person and online
6-7 July, Manchester

Covering topics

- Stroke
- Rehabilitation
- Palliative Care
- Surgical liaison
- OncoGeriatrics
- Cognition

- Planning your career
- SCE exam preparation
- Quality improvement workshop

BGS



BGS 2023 Trainees Meeting

Save the Date, 6-7 July 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

Registration is now open for the 2023 Trainees Meeting which is being held in Manchester this year (will also be available virtually).

The Trainees Meeting is always an excellent opportunity for care of the elderly trainees to come together (as well as those with a special interest/future career ambitions in geriatrics).

There are suggestions for good value accommodation available on the BGS website and it would be great to see as many people there in person as possible!

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

Abstract submissions open on **19th April 2023** - for the range of topics [CLICK HERE](#)
[CLICK HERE](#) for Young Investigator Award eligibility and rules

Career Opportunities

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

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

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 31 January

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Jersey, closes 31st January

[Subspecialty Training in Advanced Stroke Medicine](#), various regions in Scotland, closes 5 February

[Clinical Fellow in MOE & Stroke Medicine](#), Edinburgh, closes 5 February

[Consultant in Acute Medicine and Stroke](#), Sheffield, closes 5 February

[Consultant in Medicine for Older People & Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 6 February

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 6 February

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 9 February

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 9 February

[Fixed Term Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Lincoln, closes 12 February

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Nottinghamshire, closes 19 February

[Consultant \(Stroke\) Physician](#), Lancaster, closes 19 February

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 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

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

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

[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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