



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

June 2023

BIASP Exec Message



Dr Ganesh Subramanian
BIASP Honorary Secretary

It has been warm and sunny and I hope you have had some time to relax in the sunshine (and top up your vitamin D during the process).

On behalf of the Executive team, I would like to say a huge thank you to Dr Patricia Fearon (NI rep) who is stepping down from her role as she is moving to Beaumont in Dublin. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her all the very best in her future endeavours.

If you know of any NI colleague who would be interested in taking on this important role, the details and nomination form are below.

BIASP and the British Society of Physical and Rehabilitation Medicine (BSPRM) have been meeting recently to see how we can work together in both clinical and research domains. There is ongoing negotiation about BSPRM having a session in the 2023 UK Stroke Forum – watch this space.

NHSE is thinking of holding a workshop later this year to see ways and means of improving our workforce. If you are invited, please do give some time towards the same as we all know that it is such an important piece of work.

I do hope that you get some downtime in the summer and wish you all the very best.

Ganesh

BIASP Executive Committee Vacant Post



BIASP would like to invite nominations for the following post on the Executive Committee
This post welcomes applications from **FULL** BIASP members only

Executive Lead for Northern Ireland - 3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

The closing date for applications is midnight on **17/07/2023**

[CLICK HERE](#) for information
[CLICK HERE](#) for the nomination form

BIASP Scientific Subcommittee Update

The last few months were quite busy at the Scientific subcommittee of BIASP. Through multiple meetings we have almost finalised the UKSF sessions.

Our anticipation is that you will appreciate the in-depth clinical discourse planned for this year's agenda, with a key emphasis on the updated stroke guidelines.

Additionally, we have made some big strides for the Local Investigator award, hopefully they will be finalised soon.



Dr Abhijit Das
Scientific Subcommittee Chair

The recently concluded European Stroke Organisation Conference (ESOC), held in Munich, has been the platform for the unveiling of some momentous research breakthroughs in the field of stroke.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full report

BIASP Sustainability Update



Dr Bethan Davies
Sustainability Lead

This month the report from Dr Davies is on:

- Royal College of Physicians - new position paper on healthcare sustainability and climate change
- Exploring the potential of green space to support recovery from stroke
- BIASP's current focus on establishing how to measure our own carbon footprint

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full report

NEW 2023 National Clinical Guideline for Stroke

Updated National Clinical Guideline for Stroke now available

The 2023 edition of the National Clinical Guideline for Stroke for the UK and Ireland is now available. Over half the recommendations are new or have been updated. Big changes in the evidence base since the previous edition in 2016 have led to significant updates in three main areas:

- A big expansion of patients eligible for thrombolysis and thrombectomy
- More intensive interventions in secondary prevention – antiplatelets, cholesterol, blood pressure
- More intensive rehab in hospital and at home to promote motor and language recovery.

This is a 'five nations' guideline for the first time ever, covering all of the UK and the Republic of Ireland. The guideline is endorsed for use in clinical practice by the Royal College of Physicians (London), the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) and the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Online-only publication

[CLICK HERE](#) for the plain language summary for people affected by stroke.

Over the next few Bulletins there will be links to each of the sections within the new guideline:

Long-term management and secondary prevention - [CLICK HERE](#)

Implementation of this guideline - [CLICK HERE](#)

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize - Results

**BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize
2023 Results**

Commended Entry:

[Chloe Wong](#)

Click on name to read their essay



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](#)

BIASP Green Stroke Care Blog



The BIASP Green Stroke Care blog aims to present issues of relevance and interest to those working to improve the sustainability of stroke care for the benefit of people and planet.

We welcome a range of blogs from all those working in stroke care and stroke survivors from projects to personal reflections – please get in touch if you would like to submit an item admin@biasp.org.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the blogs submitted

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

Research Updates & Opportunities



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

Research Article

StrokeID: a virtual reality training programme specifically designed for medical students and junior doctors in training, focusing on stroke education and management

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article

Stroke
Association

Research Funding Opportunities 2023/2024

Following the response to the 2021 JLA PSP for stroke, [CLICK HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the advance notice of the funding calls planned for launch this year

Surveys

Online survey by Stroke Research Team at the University of Central Lancashire

To explore healthcare professionals' experiences of using pelvic floor therapies for people with urinary incontinence after stroke, closes end of July.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the advert

[CLICK HERE](#) for the survey

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

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](#)

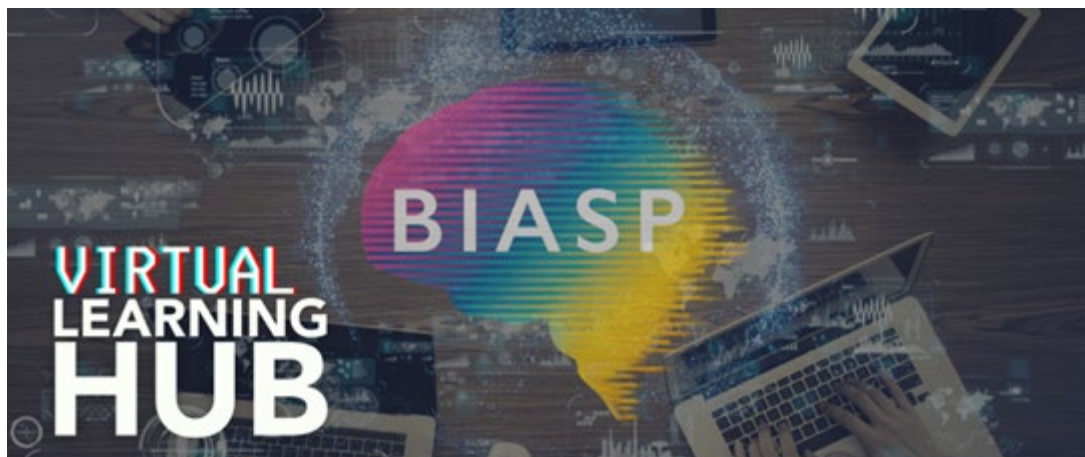
Saving Brains in [Scotland](#)

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 2023 for your diary, further details will follow:

Summer break July and August

Webinar 23: Exercise interventions to promote cardiovascular health after stroke- Sep 21

Webinar 24: Stroke in the elderly - Oct 18

Upcoming Webinar

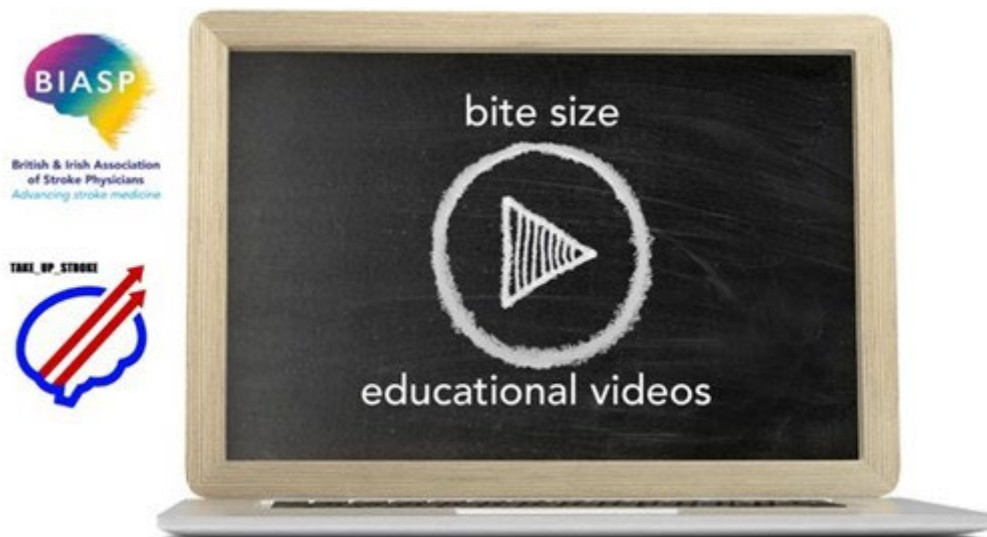
Wednesday 29 June 17:30 - 18:30

BIASP Webinar 22 - Practical Lipids

Dr Moya O'Doherty

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

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

MRes in Stroke degree at Cardiff Met University for the 2023 entry

This FT or PT MRes in Stroke consists of:

3 taught modules each of 20 credits:

*2 are research methodology.

*1 module of clinical stroke from prehospital to longer term care

These 3 modules alone qualify for a PG cert.

The stroke module can be done alone to get 20 credits of CPD that can also be used as part of another qualification.

For the full MRes there is then a 120 credit research project and dissertation. The projects can be done back at the workplace.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) for the link for MRes in Stroke

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) [Role Profiles for Occupational Therapists](#) (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) [Role Profiles for Therapy Assistants](#) (Bands 2-4) have recently been updated and are now published, and freely available to all, on the SSEF Online Toolkit.

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

STROKE FORUM

Hosted by
Stroke
Association



18th UKSF 2023 - SAVE THE DATE

ICC Birmingham

4-6 December 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) for information

Registration details to follow

National Conference in Medicine for the Older Person

University of Leicester [College Court Conference Centre](#),

Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3UF

Wednesday 28th June 2023

The National Conference in Medicine for the Older Person is an excellent update on current issues in caring for the older person across all specialties. It is chaired by Prof Tom Robinson and Dr Jatinder Minhas and we invite you to join us for this highly informative CPD (6 point) accredited conference.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



Inaugural Oxford Spasticity Masterclass

A one day meeting aimed at experienced clinicians working in spasticity management

Keynote delivered by



Dr Paul Winston

Cryoneurolysis for Spasticity.

A mini-invasive percutaneous procedure
for longer lasting outcomes.

Inaugural Oxford Spasticity Masterclass

Spasticity Management Course, Oxford on July 10th
Learn from leading experts in the field and gain invaluable insights

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and tickets



UK HEALTH
ALLIANCE ON
CLIMATE CHANGE

Net Zero Clinical Care Conference, London, 14 July 2023

BMJ and UKHACC present a new one-day in person conference to empower healthcare professionals to respond to the health emergency that climate change brings.

The conference will be free to attend.

[CLICK HERE](#) for further details on submission categories and process

The call for abstracts is now **OPEN**



2023 Improving Continence in Older People Meeting

Date: 15 September 2023

Location: ETC Venues, Manchester

Topics: Neurological Conditions and Continence, Urinary and Bowel Incontinence Treatments, Community Continence Care, Physiotherapy interventions to improve urinary and faecal continence, Pelvic Floor Health

The meeting has applied for 6 live CPD credits

[CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend



SAVE THE DATE – 2023 UK Stroke Research Workshop
26-27 September 2023
Building Centre, 26 Store St, London WC1E 7BT

The 2023 UK Stroke Research Workshop, organised under the auspices of the NIHR CRN Stroke Speciality and generously supported by the British and Irish Association of Stroke Physicians and the Stroke Association, will be held on 26th and 27th September 2023 in London. The meeting will be in person.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

Abstract submissions should be uploaded [HERE](#) by **30th June 2023**.

A number of fully funded bursaries (registration fees, accommodation and dinner as well as £100 towards travel) are available for medical students.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

WSC 2023!
October 10-12, 2023 | Toronto, Canada
Early Bird Registration Open until 11 July

[CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend

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 and registration

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme

[CLICK HERE](#) for Young Investigator Award eligibility and rules

The fourth annual BRAIN Conference
Monday 4th until Wednesday 6th December 2023
etc.venues 155 Bishopsgate, London

Welcoming neuroradiologists, endovascular neurosurgeons and allied health professionals from all over the world, to attend this exciting and innovative meeting. International experts and key opinion leaders from across the world will once again be a part of the faculty and will provide education on a range of different topics, including stroke, aneurysms, new technology and much more!

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

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.

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Norwich, closes 30 June

[Trust Doctor Registrar in Stroke Ability to join GenMed on call rota](#), Carlisle, closes 30 June

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Lancaster, closes 2 July

[Stroke Consultant \(YC72\)](#), Steeton, closes 4 July

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Carlisle, closes 7 July

[Consultant in Stroke/MFE](#), Dundee, closes 11 July

[Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine](#), Merthyr Tydfil, closes 13 July

[Locum Stroke Consultant](#), Abergavenny, closes 16 July

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Stevenage, closes 23 July

Other Job Opportunities

Clinical Senior Lecturer or Clinical Reader in Stroke Medicine

Exciting opportunity for a new academic post involving a collaboration between the Imperial NHS Stroke Centre and Imperial College.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the advert

Please email Dr Soma Banerjee, [click here](#), if interested in discussing further

Research Registrar in Vascular Neurology to Professor Dominick McCabe

Dept. of Neurology, Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) / The Adelaide and Meath Hospital, Dublin, Incorporating the National Children's Hospital (AMNCH), Trinity College Dublin (TCD), ideally commencing September 1st 2023. The start date is negotiable and an earlier start date is also possible.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and how to apply

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the VNRF.ie website

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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