



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

September 2023

BIASP Exec Message



Prof David Werring
BIASP President- elect

2023 has been an unusual summer, memorable for many reasons. I was lucky to be able to spend a short sabbatical in Clare Hall, University of Cambridge, finding out about how another stroke service runs, building research collaborations, and also having time to relax and make new friends from outside of medicine.

Coming back to the NHS - with a bump - last month gave me a new appreciation of how amazingly varied and interesting stroke is as a speciality, and how it exemplifies teamwork perhaps better than any other in medicine.

But this remarkable summer has also been defined for many doctors by the unprecedented, continued NHS strikes in England - for both doctors in postgraduate training and consultants - during which many BIASP members have stepped up to cover colleagues and maintain already stretched clinical services. BIASP issued a statement in support of the junior doctors, who play such a vital part in our services but remain ignored by the government in their campaign for pay restoration and improved working conditions; BIASP sincerely hopes that a resolution can be found soon so that our hard-pressed

services can continue to deliver life-changing stroke treatments and care with a sustainable and resilient workforce.

On a brighter note, the autumn brings some highlights in the UK stroke education and research calendar, with the BIASP-NIHR UK [Stroke Research Workshop](#) held at University College London on 26th-27th September. This meeting advances the BIASP mission to promote stroke medicine and research, particularly among younger doctors in training. There were updates on the latest stroke research including sessions on novel treatment approaches in stroke including artificial intelligence, unravelling mechanisms in stroke rehabilitation towards better treatments, what's new in brain imaging in stroke, stroke brain-immune interactions, and controversies in stroke. The [UK Stroke Forum](#), our biggest and best multidisciplinary meeting for all stroke professionals, will be held in person in Birmingham on 4th-6th December; this year promises to have a record number of attendees, and you can still register [here](#). I look forward to meeting many BIASP members there.

Finally, please do consider whether you or a colleague would like to support BIASP by standing at the BIASP elections, including the President Elect, Executive Lead for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales, Scientific and Trainee subcommittee members. Click [here](#) for information and a link to the nomination form. In these unpredictable and turbulent times, by serving in one off these BIASP roles you can make a huge contribution to maintaining and advancing stroke medicine in the UK.

BIASP Executive Committee & Subcommittee Vacant Posts



BIASP would like to invite nominations for the following posts on the Executive Committee

These Executive posts welcome applications from **FULL** BIASP members only
The closing date for applications is midnight Monday 2 October 2023

President Elect

2 year term as President-elect,
2 year term as President,
2 year term as Past President

Executive Lead for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

Scientific Subcommittee member

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

Trainee post welcomes applications from Associate members

Trainee Subcommittee member

(post holder will also be ABN representative for the subcommittee)

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

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

BIASP Clinical Standards Subcommittee Update

With the release of the NHS Long Term Workforce Plan in June 2023, our stroke workforce remains top priority.

We plan to have more information around this at our BIASP stand at the UK Stroke Forum in December.



Please do come over and offer us your regional experiences and innovative ideas.

Dr Michelle Dharmasiri
Clinical Standards Subcommittee Chair

The clinical standards committee continue to review guideline drafts related to our speciality. Most recently making comments on the major conditions strategy in conjunction with the Stroke Association, NICE draft guidance on clopidogrel resistance and the delayed release of the NICE draft guidance on Artificial intelligence (AI) software to help clinical decision making in stroke.

National Stroke simulation training pilots are well under way with our second pilot date this month in Bournemouth. We would be so keen for more faculty members so please email BIASP to register any interest.

Finally, with winter pressures looming and strike action ongoing.....please do look after yourselves and your colleagues.

BIASP Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Update



Dr Soma Banerjee
ED&I Lead

Planning for the EDI session at the UKSF is in full swing.

This year we will be focussing on women in stroke medicine. You will hear from women - stroke physicians & neurologists - with diverse career pathways, and we hope to have a vibrant and interactive session with our audience.

All attendees are welcome to join us. Many of the issues being discussed will apply to both men and women.

Separately, we continue to work with national leaders on highlighting new career pathways within Stroke medicine, including for SAS doctors. BIASP recognises the significant contributions being made by this group of doctors within Stroke Medicine and are committed to improving representation at a national level by launching the role of SAS doctor lead in BIASP, in the coming months.

Executive Lead for Republic of Ireland & Research Update

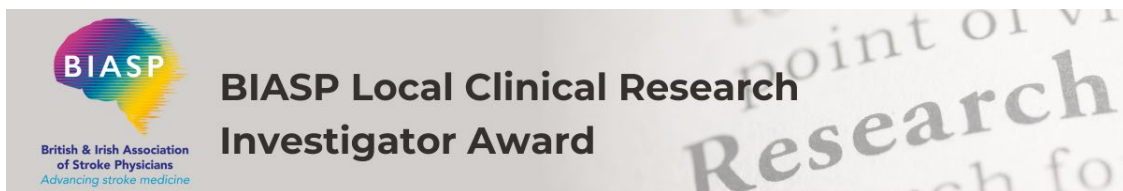
This month Prof O'Connor's update is on the following and also includes a research update, [CLICK HERE](#) for full report.

- The Irish National Stroke Strategy (NSS) 2022-2027
- Prevention
- Acute Care and Cure
- Rehabilitation and Restoration to Living
- ROI Education and Research
- Audit
- Thrombectomy Update



Prof Margaret O'Connor
Executive Lead for Republic of Ireland

BIASP Local Clinical Research Investigator Award 2023



The Local Clinical Research Investigator Award by the British and Irish Association of Stroke Physicians (BIASP) acknowledges and rewards the exceptional contributions made by stroke physicians in stroke research.

This award aims to recognise the value of grassroots research efforts and encourage the continued involvement of local practitioners in advancing the knowledge and treatment of stroke.

Candidates must be consultant physicians, including locum and specialist doctors who are the Principal Investigators (PIs) in any stroke-related research project.

[CLICK HERE](#) for criteria and guidance

Applications should be submitted to admin@biasp.org in MS Word format.

Closing date, 09:00 16 October 2023

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.

UK Health Alliance on Climate Change (UKHACC)

Report on Biodiversity, Climate Change and Health

The UK Health Alliance on Climate Change has recently launched a report on biodiversity, climate change and health. The climate and ecological crises are mutually reinforcing

each other and both adversely impact human health. The report has 2 sections focusing on terrestrial and marine ecosystems with a total of 7 recommendations calling on the UK government to jointly tackle the dual planetary crises.

To read the report [CLICK HERE](#)

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize - Results

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize 2023 Results

Commended Entry:

[Jamie Rice](#)

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**

**Next ALS Training Day - 20 October 2023, 13:30 - 16:30
Complete the modules and book your place**

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

Funding



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

The **World Health Organization** (WHO) Regional Office for Europe is conducting an anonymous 15-minute online [survey](#) in 5 countries, including UK, on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the rehabilitation workforce and service delivery.

The survey aims to document and learn lessons from your experiences. It's about recognizing rehabilitation professionals' unique contribution during the COVID-19 pandemic, and informing future emergency responses. The survey results will be made publicly available, but survey participation is anonymous.

The survey is live from 11 Sept to mid-October.

**Help to understand the current management of facial palsy after stroke
Closes 31 December 2023**

Facial palsy is one of the common problems after stroke, but there are no guidelines for this. We aim to find out which tools are used to assess Facial Palsy after Stroke and which treatment methods are used, by which professional groups, as well as the reasons for these choices.

This survey will not collect any personally identifiable details.

If you wish to complete the survey, please indicate you have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet (PIS). When you complete the survey, you are confirming you submitted answers and you consent to us using the information you have provided.

If you confirm that you have read the PIS ([here](#)) and would like to start the survey, please [CLICK HERE](#)

Havva Sumeyye Eroglu, PhD student at the University of Manchester

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](#)

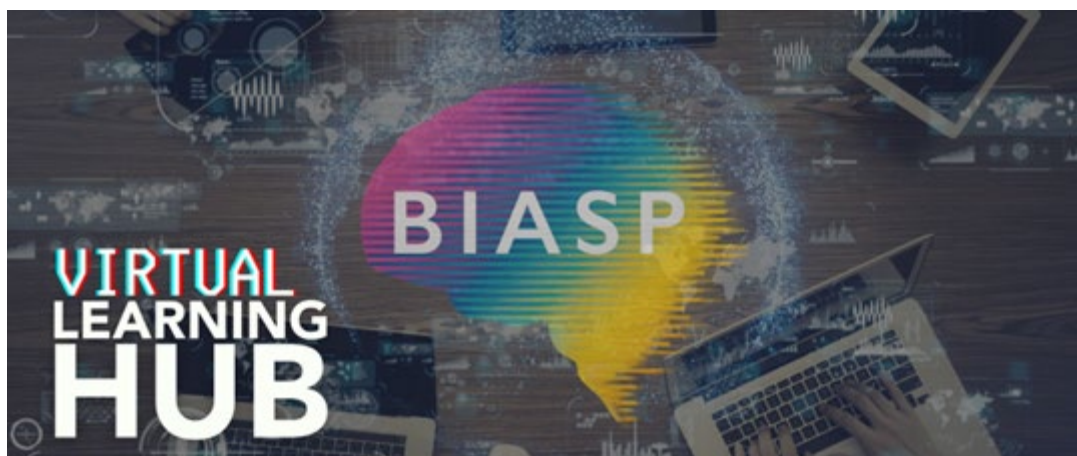
Saving Brains in [Scotland](#)

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.



Dr Nick Evans

BIASP Webinar 24

Date: 18 October 2023

Time: 17:30 - 18:30

Speaker: Dr Nick Evans

Topic: Stroke in the elderly

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

Dr Evans is a Stroke Association Senior Clinical Lecturer at the University of Cambridge and Honorary Consultant in Stroke Medicine at Addenbrooke's Hospital. His research focuses on carotid atherosclerosis, the ageing vascular system, and how they relate to clinical frailty in the context of stroke.

He completed training in Geriatric and Stroke Medicine in the East of England, during which he undertook a PhD (supported by the Dunhill Medical Trust) and NIHR Academic Clinical Lectureship in neurovascular imaging. He is Co-Lead for the Cardiovascular Theme at the Cambridge Biomedical Research Centre, and recently served on the Steering Committee of the JLA Priority Setting Partnership for Stroke.

His work has been recognised by awards from the British Atherosclerosis Society, BIASP, Royal Society of Medicine, Royal College of Physicians, Wellcome Trust, and the BHF.

Learning outcomes:

- 1) To understand the relationships between age, frailty, multimorbidity, and disability and their relevance in the stroke population.
- 2) To be able to apply this knowledge of disease- and treatment-modifying effects to inform clinical decision-making.

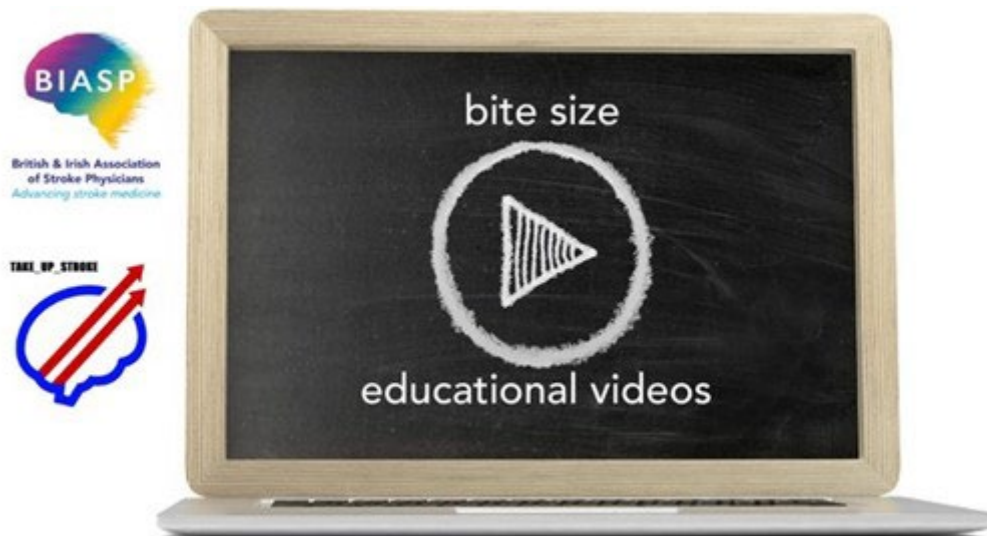
Dates for your diary, further details will follow:

Webinar 25: Mobile Stroke Unit - 22 Nov 23

Webinar 26: A new era in ICH care - 24 Jan 24

Webinar 27: Training pathways into stroke - 21 Feb 24

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

Application deadline 30 September 2023



For the SSEF role profile library on:

- Advanced Clinical Practitioners
- Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Therapy Assistants and more

[CLICK HERE](#)

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



18th UKSF 2023 - Registration is now OPEN

Early Bird Closed

5% discount for group bookings of 5 or more

ICC Birmingham

4-6 December 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) for Information

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

Join us to share more unmissable ground-breaking research, as we scrap our traditional UKSF programme format. New and exciting ways of learning will be introduced, designed to get VALUE for your money and time. Short, long, group and individual sessions will be introduced as we start a new chapter for the UK Stroke Forum.



Mechanical Thrombectomy Delivery in England Webinar

5th October 2023

12.30pm - 1.45pm

Launching the evidence and learning from a quality improvement collaboration of GIRFT, national stroke programme; NHS England's Thrombectomy Implementation Group (TIG); SSNAP and the Promoting Effective and Rapid Stroke Care research team: Communities of Practice as agents of change.

[CLICK HERE](#) for further details and to register

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

[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

Geriatrics 4 Everyone
14th October 2023
Stormont Hotel, Belfast

The afternoon session is being run with the specific aim of improving interest in working in stroke medicine among medical students and junior doctors.



[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme
[CLICK HERE](#) to register



NIHR Webinar - Improving stroke services - lessons from the latest NIHR research
Wednesday 18 October at 13:00

Presented by three expert researchers in the field, we will be covering the stroke journey - from stroke management, early supported discharge, and speech and language therapy - and how this research could help to improve practice.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



**ASSOCIATION
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ABN Autumn Meeting

Wednesday 8 November 2023
Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury, London

The ABN would like to offer all BIASP members a 'member rate'
1 day hybrid event, join in-person or virtually, [CLICK HERE](#) for rates

BIASP Session - Advances in thrombectomy – Soma Banerjee
ABN John Walton Lecture - Joanna Wardlaw

[CLICK HERE](#) for programme and registration

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



The 26th National Dementias Conference
8-9 February 2024
Cavendish Conference Centre, London.

This is a hugely successful annual event, chaired by **Alistair Burns and John O'Brien**, that brings together some of the leading specialists in dementia care and research.

We have an exciting two-day programme planned, including a talk on '**Stroke, small vessel disease and dementia**' by Professor Joanna Wardlaw.

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration and programme

20% discount for BIASP Members - at checkout use code BIASP20



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) for abstract submission - closes **20th December 2023**

Details on registration to follow

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 Stroke Consultant](#), Abergavenny, closes 1 October

[Senior Clinical Fellow in Stroke Medicine](#), Stevenage, closes 1 October

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Bolton, closes 2 October

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Birmingham, closes 11 October

[Locum Consultant Physician with interest in Stroke Medicine/Neurology](#), Northampton, closes 12 October

[Consultant in Medicine for Older People & Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 15 October

[Substantive Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine](#), Bury St Edmonds, closes 24 October

[Consultant - Stroke Physician](#) (from any previous background), Truro, closes 31 Jan 2024

Other Opportunities

Joint Neurosciences Council, JNC

Applications are invited for a trainee from the neuroscience specialties to represent the views of UK neuroscience trainees at the JNC meetings and to be involved in the ebrain platform.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the advert
[CLICK HERE](#) for the role specification

Overseas Job Opportunity

Job title: General Medicine Physician
Location: Hawke's Bay
Closing date: 11 October

[CLICK HERE](#) for the advert

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 Opportunites

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

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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