



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

December 2023

BIASP Exec Message



Prof Mary Joan MacLeod
BIASP Deputy Honorary Secretary

It was nice to talk to so many of you at the UK Stroke Forum, particularly those of you who visited the BIASP stand.

There was a lot of discussion and helpful suggestions around the future strategic priorities for BIASP, especially given the current issue with recruitment and retention of stroke physicians.

All your suggestions will be taken back to the Executive for discussion and potential action.

It was also a pleasure to welcome David Werring into his role as our new BIASP President. Gillian Mead has undertaken a significant amount of work over the past two years, and empowered the Executive to support and encourage initiatives including:

- training and education (for example the simulation programme led by Louise Shaw)
- research (including the BIASP Clinical Research Investigator Award scheme led by Abhjit Das)
- equality and diversity led by Soma Banerjee
- trainees (new subcommittee chair Gordon Blair)

We also have a new President Elect: Louise Shaw who currently chairs the Training and Education Subcommittee and has a keen interest in supporting and encouraging trainees in Stroke Medicine.

We also welcome Tal Anjum who has replaced Tom Hughes as the representative for Wales, and Vera Cvorovic who has replaced Terry Quinn in Scotland.

There are likely to be political and health service challenges ahead in 2024, but we are in a strong position to support and hopefully provide encouragement to the Stroke community throughout the five nations.

Wishing you all a very happy and restful Festive period and happiness in 2024.

BIASP Executive - New Appointments



President- Elect
Dr Louise Shaw



Executive Lead for Wales
Dr Tal Anjum



Executive Lead for
Scotland
Dr Vera Cvorovic

BIASP Executive Committee & Subcommittee Vacant Posts



BIASP continue to welcome nominations for these vacant posts.

These posts welcome applications from **FULL** BIASP members only

There is no closing date, however, BIASP have the right to close if a suitable nomination is received.

Executive Lead for Northern Ireland

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

Scientific Subcommittee member

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

[CLICK HERE](#) for information

[CLICK HERE](#) for the nomination form

UKSF 2023

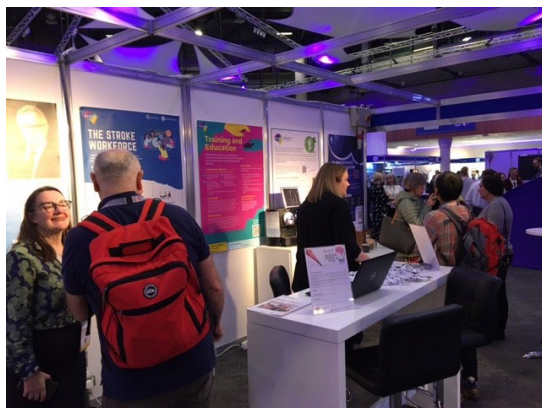
It was wonderful to see so many of you at the UKSF. Thank you for visiting our stand and giving us your thoughts about how BIASP can better support our members and what your priorities are for the upcoming strategy refresh.

Many congratulations to Professor Hugh Markus for winning the President's award, Dr Isuru Induruwa for winning the BIASP Warlow prize, and Dr Richard Marigold and Dr Richard Perry for the BIASP Local Clinical Research Investigator Award.

Please do provide feedback on the conference. This will help shape next year's programme. Delegates should have received an email from the UKSF.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the link

Best Wishes,
Gillian Mead
BIASP Past- president



BIASP Past President Award

Both Professor Rustam Al-Shahi Salman (pictured) and Professor Tom Robinson received an award in recognition of their 6 year term as BIASP President.



BIASP Honorary Members 2023



Dame Professor Caroline Watkins

Professor of Stroke and Older People's Care School of Nursing and Midwifery
Director of Applied Health Research hub and Lancashire Clinical Trials Unit, UCLan



Professor Avril Drummond

Professor of Healthcare Research and Occupational Therapist
School of Health Sciences
University of Nottingham



Professor Lisa Kidd

Professor of Nursing at the School of Health and Life Sciences, Glasgow Caledonian University
Current UKSF Chair



Professor Marion Walker

Emeritus Professor in
Stroke Rehabilitation
University of Nottingham



Mrs Dawn Good

Surgery Divisional Quality
Director
Nottingham University
Hospitals

Executive Lead for Republic of Ireland Update

This month Prof O'Connor's report is on:

- The Irish National Audit of Stroke Report (2022)
- A spotlight on atrial fibrillation
- INAS Audit Recommendations

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the report



Prof Margaret O'Connor
Executive Lead for Republic of Ireland

Trainee Subcommittee Update



Dr Gordon Blair
Trainee Subcommittee Chair

We are now eagerly looking forward to the BIASP Trainees' meeting in Edinburgh on **14th and 15th March** in Edinburgh.

The registration link is now active,
[CLICK HERE](#)

The programme for the meeting is being finalised and will include talks on intracerebral haemorrhage, radiology for stroke physicians, rehab of complex stroke deficits, hyperacute care and life after stroke.

UK & ROI Acute Stroke Simulation Course



The UK and ROI Acute Stroke Simulation Course has been developed to enable standardised multidisciplinary stroke simulation training across the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland. It has been established by a group of multidisciplinary healthcare professionals all with an interest in stroke simulation training and a shared vision to improve stroke training and education.

It is a one day course, open to anyone involved in acute stroke care. Candidates can access pre course materials prior to the course date. Scenarios on the day will cover a range of topics including thrombolysis, thrombectomy, stroke mimics and intracerebral haemorrhage.

Registration is Open

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

If you are interested in potentially hosting and delivering a course at your local hospital, please email: ukstrokesimulation@gmail.com

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize 2024

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize

Launch date 1st December

Closing date 1st February



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

Please encourage students to apply for
this competition

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.

NICE guideline on Cardiovascular disease: risk assessment and reduction, including lipid modification update – Escalation of Therapy

The final guideline has now been published on the NICE website, [CLICK HERE](#)
There is brief information about the guideline for people using services, carers and the public, [CLICK HERE](#)

Take up Stroke Fellow Update

TakeUpStroke



This month's report is from
Dr Muhammed Ameen Noushad:

Highlights from the WCN and WSC 2023-2024.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize - Results

**BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize
2023 Results**

Commended Entry:

[Apthi Bandi](#)

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 - 27 February, 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

UK Health Alliance on Climate Change



UKHACC have coordinated the publication of an editorial in 200+ journals. This year the [editorial](#) calls for the climate and nature crisis to be recognised as one indivisible global health emergency. A petition calling on WHO to declare a global public health emergency is being launched to coincide with the editorial.

It is the third in a series of annual multi-journal editorials published ahead of the UN Climate Conferences in 2026, 2027 and 2028 coordinated by the UK Health Alliance on Climate Change.

An open petition has been launched to support the call to WHO. More information, including how to sign the petition, is available. [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



New Member Benefit from 1 December 2023

20% discount when joining BSPRM

use code **BIASPMbr**

[CLICK HERE](#) to join



Complete the 2023 Consultant and SAS Physician Census

The issues facing the NHS and its workforce remain extremely challenging in the current financial and political climate.

Understanding the experiences of physicians in the UK has never been more important. We are so grateful to all of you that take the time to complete the annual Physicians Census to give us a strong and informed platform from which to influence national policies. Your engagement with this annual census is absolutely critical to enable us to influence and effect meaningful improvement in your working lives and the patient care you deliver.

Please look out for your email from the three Royal Colleges of Physicians which will allow you to access your personalised form. As an added incentive all respondents will be entered into a draw to win free entry to an RCP/RCPE/RCPSG event of your choice.

If you haven't received your email, or are having difficulties accessing your form, please contact mwucensus@rcp.ac.uk.

Specialty Stroke Medicine in the electronic Referral Service (e-RS)

The electronic Referral Service (e-RS) in England have had a number of users asking for Stroke Medicine Specialty with Stroke (not TIA) clinic type to be created in the e-RS system as this currently sits under the following two specialties:

- Geriatric Medicine / Stroke (not TIA)
- Neurology / Stroke (not TIA)

This has been voted on, as a change that would help GPs find the service, help consultants find their own specialty and referral workflows.

[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

The Stroke Association - Research Funding Schemes Open

At the start of November, the Stroke Association will be opening applications for three of our 2023-24 research awards.



All three awards have Clinical-Academic pathways where candidates can combine research with clinical practice.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the main webpage. Click on each of awards below for information:

[Postgraduate Fellowships](#)

[Postdoctoral Fellowships](#)

[Lectureships](#)

NIHR Local Authority Academic Fellowship Programme and Associated Opportunities

New opportunities from NIHR for people working in local authorities, social care setting and 3rd sector. There are a range of funding opportunities from short placement up to PhD and advanced.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information



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

Imperial College
London

COMeT RCT



We need your help please!

We are planning a new trial of CEA vs medical therapy for people with symptomatic carotid stenosis. The rationale for undertaking this trial is provided in the survey link below. We are looking for support from potential clinical recruitment sites for this trial. We expect to start the trial in summer 2025 but need to identify sites now to support our stage 2 funding application to the NIHR HTA scheme in January 2024.

Please kindly complete this very brief survey (**will close on 22/12/23**) at the following link:

[CLICK HERE](#)

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.

BIASP Webinar 26

Topic: A new era in ICH care

Date: Wednesday 24 January 2024

Speaker: Adrian Parry- Jones

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

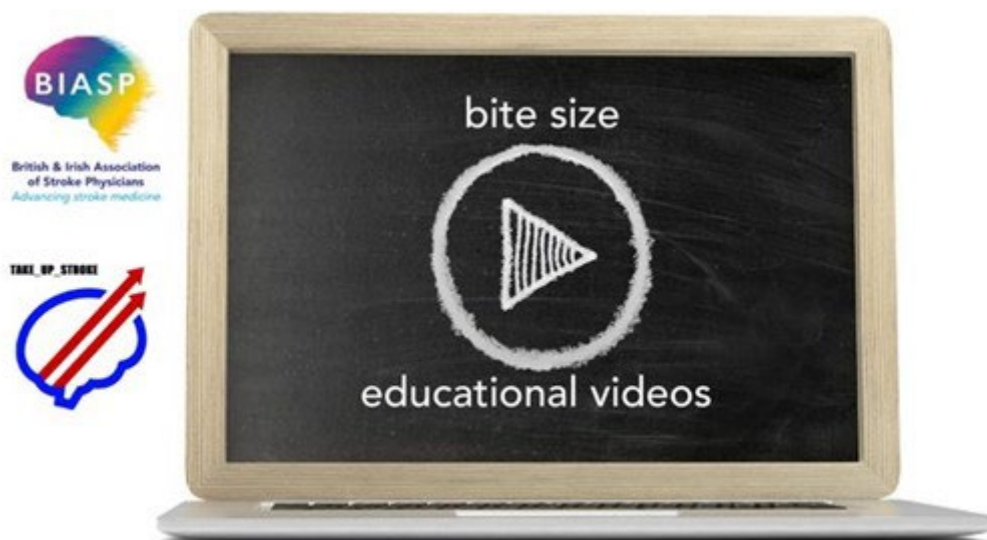
Dates for your diary, further details will follow:

Webinar 27: Training pathways into stroke, Anthony Pereira on 21 Feb 24, to register [CLICK HERE](#)

Webinar 28: Medicolegal aspects of stroke with discussion of some real life clinical negligence cases, Emily Read on 20 March 24,

Webinar 29: Hypotension induced stroke, Dan Ryan on 24 April 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



Improving stroke services: lessons from the latest NIHR research

Do you care for people recovering from stroke?

Are you interested in finding out how research could help?

Catch up on the NIHR webinar which covers how research could help improve the stroke journey, from assessment to discharge and rehabilitation.

[CLICK HERE](#)

New Zealand Stroke Education Charitable Trust

The New Zealand charitable Stroke Education Trust (NZSET) offers a set of free, best-practice evidenced, internationally endorsed tutorials of general care and rehabilitation video procedures. These can be used by individuals with stroke and/or their family members to improve their post-stroke recovery and reduce the chance of post-stroke complications. NZSET also offers a free, internationally endorsed and validated Stroke Riskometer app for primary and secondary stroke prevention.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access Stroke Prevention and Recovery Videos

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



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



TRAINEES' MEETING 2024
University of Edinburgh, South Hall Complex
Edinburgh
14th - 15th March



[@BIASPstroke](#)  biasp.org

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

A banner for the 26th National Conference DEMENTIAS 2024. It features a stylized head icon made of colorful triangles on the left. The text on the right reads: "26th National Conference", "DEMENTIAS 2024", "February 8th & 9th 2024", and "Cavendish Conference Centre London". The background is a collage of various shades of blue and purple triangles.

26th National Conference
DEMENTIAS 2024
February 8th & 9th 2024
Cavendish Conference Centre
London

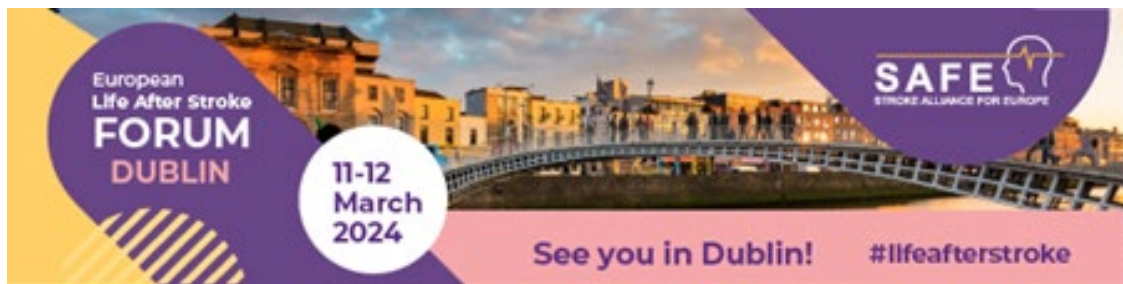
The 26th National Dementias Conference
8-9 February 2024
Cavendish Conference Centre, London.

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



European Life After Stroke Forum (ELASF)
11-12 March 2024
Dublin

[CLICK HERE](#) for information & programme

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

5% Discount for BIASP members

Whilst completing your personal information, you will be asked for your membership status, please select the option 'I am a member of a supporting/endorsing professional organisation', to allow you to redeem the discounted registration rate.

On the very last page (the payment page), please enter **BIASP5** into the discount code box and select apply to redeem 5% discount. Please note, the discount does not apply to additional items purchased during the registration.

If you have any questions with your registration, please do not hesitate to contact elasf@serenevents.com for further assistance.



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

An exciting program where key opinion leaders will share their research and vision.

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the detailed agenda for the Stroke sessions

CONy 2024 offers reduced registration fees for UK delegates.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register



WSC 2024 promises to be an exceptional event, once again bringing together the international stroke community to collectively tackle the challenges and reduce the burden of stroke.

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 Clinical Lead - Mechanical Thrombectomy for Stroke](#), Norwich, closes 28 December

[Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine](#), Isle of Wight- Newport, closes 30 December

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Swindon, closes 31 December
[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Stevenage, closes 1 January
[Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine](#), Telford, closes 2 January
[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Swansea, closes 8 January
[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), London, closes 8 January
[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 11 January
[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Inverness, closes 14 January
[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Lincoln, closes 17 January
[Locum Stroke Consultant](#), Hengoed, closes 21 January
[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Bolton, closes 22 January
[Consultant Physicians in Healthcare for the Older Person and Stroke Medicine](#), Devon, closes 4 February
[Consultant - Stroke Physician](#) (from any previous background), Truro, closes 28 April

Other Opportunities

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 **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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