



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

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BIASP Exec Message



Prof David Werring
BIASP President

Welcome to the BIASP Bulletin for January 2024!

It is a great pleasure and honour for me to begin my term as BIASP President. I warmly thank Gillian Mead for her excellent, diligent work as BIASP President over the last 2 years; the highly effective and motivated Executive team are a testament to Gillian's leadership skills. And, of course, I hope Gillian will continue to provide wise advice as Past-President. Congratulations to Louise Shaw, incoming BIASP President-Elect, whom I know will bring huge enthusiasm and dedication to the role.

This is a particularly challenging time for stroke medicine, not least the ever-present stroke workforce crisis; our services are under more strain than ever with recent winter pressures and junior doctor strikes. Tackling the shortage of stroke consultants will be a major focus of our new BIASP strategy, due in 2025; as part of this I hope that BIASP can engage doctors right from medical school, and throughout clinical training, by promoting the unparalleled and exciting opportunities of a career in stroke.

It is important that BIASP's priorities reflect those of our members, so I'm grateful to those of you who shared your ideas at our stand at the recent successful UK Stroke Forum in Birmingham. I have also been consulting among the BIASP Executive and Committees to determine the areas we want to focus on in the coming years. All these suggestions will help me to shape a draft strategy, which will then be shared with BIASP and our key stakeholders for feedback later in the year

BIASP has a unique role as the voice of stroke medicine in the UK; we currently have vacancies for members of the Scientific and Training & Education Subcommittees, an Executive member for Northern Ireland and the new Executive Specialty and Associate Specialist Doctor (SAS) so do think about whether you or a colleague might be able to contribute more directly to our work. Links to the election forms are within this bulletin.

Meanwhile I wish you all every success in 2024. I'm very much looking forward to working with you all to help address the most important challenges we face in stroke medicine.

BIASP Executive Committee & Subcommittee Vacant Posts



BIASP welcomes nominations for these vacant posts.

These posts are open to **full** members only

Closing date, midnight Monday 26 Febraury

Executive Committee Specialty and Associate Specialist Doctor (SAS)

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

Executive Lead for Northern Ireland

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

Scientific Subcommittee member

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

Training & Education Subcommittee member

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

[CLICK HERE](#) for information

[CLICK HERE](#) for the nomination form

Executive Lead for Scotland Update

It is a busy start of the New Year for the stroke team in Scotland.

This month Dr Cvorov's report is on:

- Thrombectomy
- Collecting rehabilitation data
- Life after stroke mobile app

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the report



Dr Vera Cvorov
Executive Lead for Scotland

Clinical Standards Subcommittee Update



Dr Michelle Dharmasiri
Clinical Standards Subcommittee Chair

The report from Dr Dharmasiri is on the following:

- Workforce and future webinar, Pathways into Stroke
- NICE Guidance 'Artificial intelligence (AI)
- Meeting with Boehringer Ingelheim

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the report

New Training Route for Stroke Consultants

There is now a new GIM-Stroke training pathway programme available which will take 3 years to CCT.

If you are interested in applying for a post:

- You will CCT in GIM with Stroke (by completing both the IM Stage 2 & Stroke curricula)
- Rotation would comprise 2 years GIM & 1 year stroke.
- You must have completed IM stage 1

Provisional national recruitment process:

- Advert: July 2024
- Interviews: October 2024
- Start: February 2025

Please let us know if you are interested by emailing: admin@biasp.org

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
February course registration is now full

[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

Closing date extended to
9am, 12 February 2024

[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 Guidelines Published

The final diagnostics guidance on Artificial intelligence (AI)-derived software to help clinical decision making in stroke has been published, [CLICK HERE](#)

The final guidance for IP1877 - Pharyngeal electrical stimulation for neurogenic dysphagia is now available on the NICE website, [CLICK HERE](#)

Take up Stroke Fellow Update

TakeUpStroke



This month's report is from
Dr Kat Williamson

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the report

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.

With regards to Equality, Diversity and Inclusion please do complete these fields within your profile.

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



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)

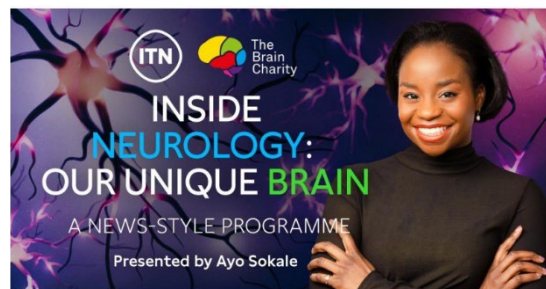
This has been voted on, as a change that would help GPs find the service, help consultants find their own specialty and referral workflows.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Neurological Alliance

The Neurological Alliance brought greater attention to the realities of living with a neurological condition through the ITN Business programme 'Inside Neurology: Our Unique Brain'

[CLICK HERE](#) to watch the programme



Research Updates & Opportunities



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

Research Article

PRESTIGE-AF - searching the cause of gender bias in clinical trial recruitment

It has become apparent within the last few decades that there is inadequate consideration of sex differences in pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics - alarmingly, this means that the generalisability of evidence derived from these clinical trials may significantly reduce accessibility and use of new therapies to women.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the article in full and complete the survey

Survey

Survey on the Global Status and Perceptions of Stroke Rehabilitation & Telerehabilitation

The survey was developed and validated by a team of stroke experts from the World Stroke Organization (WSO) Future Leaders Program to understand the role of telerehabilitation and identify areas of opportunities and improvements. Understanding the current landscape of stroke telerehabilitation will help address resource gaps and influence policy-making to enhance stroke care.

The survey comprises 6 brief questions on conventional rehabilitation and up to 27 brief questions on telerehabilitation. Your participation is crucial, and all responses will be anonymous. Expect the survey to take approximately 15-20 minutes to complete.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the survey

Funding

BHF Data Science Centre

The BHF Data Science Centre has just released a 'Call for Funding' as part of our new Stroke Data Science Catalyst. The aim of this call is to support data science on COVID-19 and cardiovascular disease and/or stroke, with a total fund of £50,000 to support new or existing research as part of the CVD-COVID-UK Consortium.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about the Call for Funding
[CLICK HERE](#) for information about the Stroke Data Science Catalyst

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](#) - closes 5pm 30 January

[Postdoctoral Fellowships](#) - closes 5pm 30 January

[Lectureships](#) - closes 5pm 20 February



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

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](#)

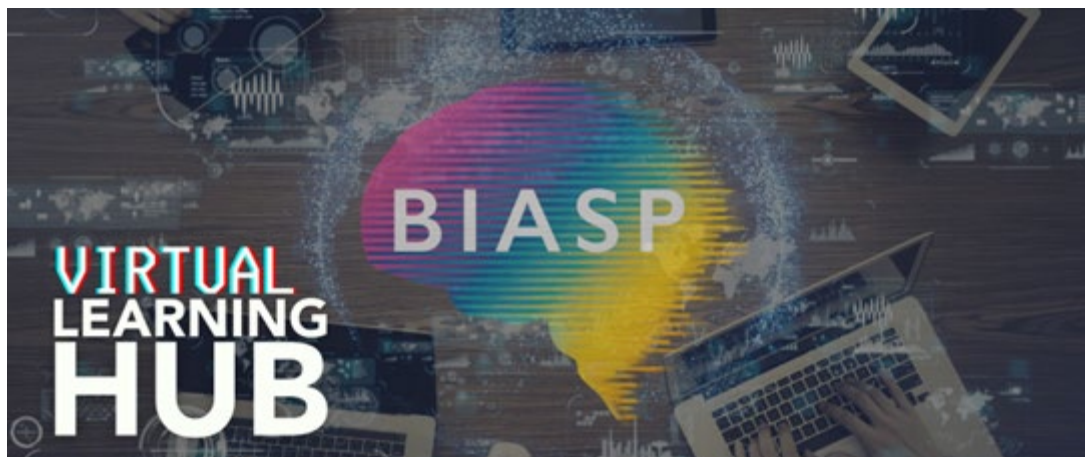
Saving Brains in [Scotland](#)

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 27

Topic: Training pathways into stroke (including the new 3 year stroke/GIM CCT)

Date: Wednesday 21 February 2024

Speaker: Dr Anthony Pereira

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

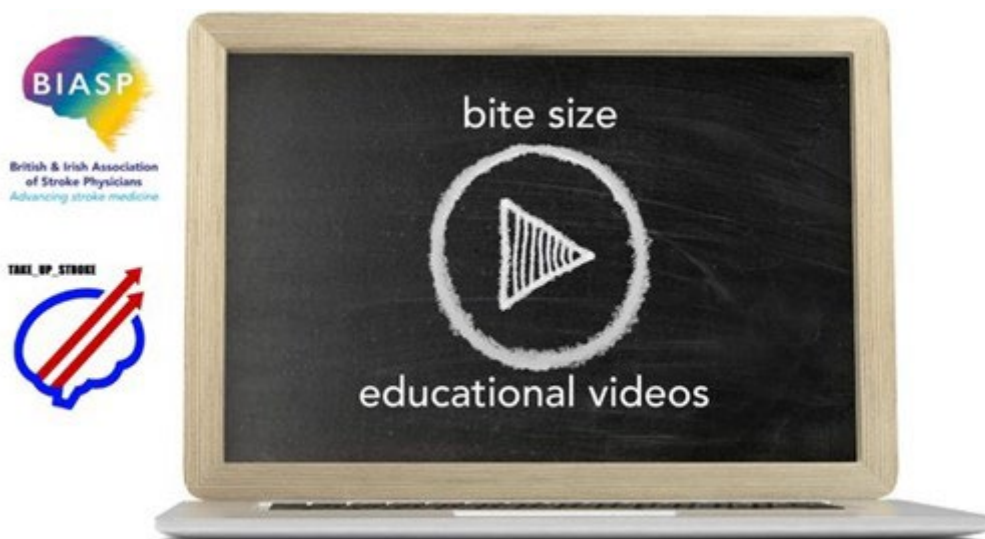
Dates for your diary, further details will follow:

Webinar 28: Medicolegal aspects of stroke with discussion of some real life clinical negligence cases, Emily Read on 20 March 2024

Webinar 29: Hypotension induced stroke, Dr Dan Ryan on April 24 2024

Webinar 30: Climate change and the brain, Prof Sanjay Sisodiya on 22 May 2024

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



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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

Some of the programme highlights:

Ideal Care for Intracerebral Haemorrhage - Dr Jatinder Minhas

Understanding CT and MR Imaging in Stroke - Professor Andrew Farrell

Assessment and Management of Visual Disorders- Dr Claire Howard

Trust Effects of Stroke on Cognitive Functioning - Professor Terry Quinn

Trainee Involvement in Stroke Research- Professor Christopher Price



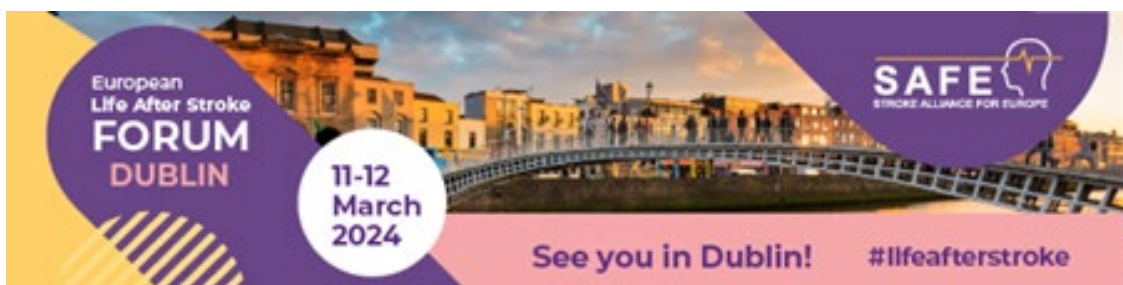
The 26th National Dementias Conference
8-9 February 2024
Cavendish Conference Centre, London.

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

Early Bird Discount closes Wednesday 31 January
Final Registrations on Sunday 10 March

[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



2024 British Geriatrics Society Spring Meeting

Date: 22-24 May, 2024

Location: Vox, Birmingham

Topics: Dementia and nutrition, Continence, Prescribing at end of life, Respiratory diseases and the ageing lung, Syncope and falls, Gut health and Tissue Viability

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

The meeting has applied for 18 live CPD credits

Abstract Submission Deadline: Friday 16 February, 5pm

Early Bird Registration Fee Deadline: Saturday 24 February

All multidisciplinary specialists responsible for the health care of older people are encouraged to join.



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.

Abstract submission is now Open

[CLICK HERE](#) for topics, guidelines and submission

Deadline 24 April

Apply for the Young Investigator Award

The Young Investigator Award is exclusively for young professionals under 40 from low and lower-middle-income countries.

[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

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

[Consultant Physicians in Healthcare for the Older Person and Stroke Medicine](#), Devon, closes 4 February

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Inverness, closes 4 February

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), London, closes 11 February

[Stroke Consultant](#), Wolverhampton, closes 13 February

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Swansea, closes 14 February

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Carlisle, closes 16 February

[Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine](#), Telford, closes 16 February

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Hackney, London, closes 25 February

[Locum Stroke Consultant](#), Hengoed, closes 24 March

[Consultant - Stroke Physician](#) (from any previous background), Truro, closes 28 April

Other Opportunities

Medical Department within Te Whatu Ora – Health New Zealand, Te Matau a Māui Hawke's Bay.

Internal Medicine Specialist

Closing date, 8 February

[CLICK HERE](#) for information

Internal Medicine Physician - Stroke Physician

Closing date, 8 February

[CLICK HERE](#) for information

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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