



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



TRAINEES' MEETING 2024

University of Edinburgh, South Hall Complex
Edinburgh
14th - 15th March



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Registration Closes 10 March

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

Please promote this excellent opportunity to all before registration closes

February 2024

BIASP Exec Message



Dr Louise Shaw
BIASP President-elect

This is my first newsletter contribution as President Elect of BIASP. I wanted to start with a heartfelt thank you to so many of you for electing me and for all your kind messages and words of support which have meant so much. It is a huge privilege to be part of the BIASP leadership team: it is a society we can all be proud of, and having already served on the executive committee for 4 years as Training and Education Chair I can attest to the dedication and excellent hard work of the entire committee, much of which goes unseen.

I have personally learnt so much from the leadership of both Prof Rustam Al-Shahi Salman, and of Prof Gillian Mead, and am now looking forward to working closely with Prof David Werring as we all rewrite our strategy and set out our priorities for the next few years. This is a season of change and challenge, but there are also many opportunities to do things differently and better. Let's not get too bogged down by all the negatives and difficulties, but rather be excited by our continually growing evidence-base in stroke medicine, and remember to be kind to each other as we strive to improve stroke care

Thursday 1st February was an exciting day. After 2 successful pilots in Bristol and Bournemouth the Acute Stroke Simulation Course (ASSC) formally launched with a fully subscribed and very successful day at St Georges in London. Participants came from many different locations, even as far as the ROI, and we were made very welcome by the experienced local stroke and sim teams: thank you! Particular thanks also to Dr Ella Sherman as Course Director and the rest of the faculty. As well as rolling out the course we are growing the faculty each time we run, so we can replicate and spread the course over time to all 5 nations. The next course will be at Guildford on 5th April, followed by Bristol on 5th July and Bournemouth on 15 Oct. Places are booking quickly so do don't delay if you want to attend. Following these, we are planning courses in Wales and the East Midlands next. Do get in touch if you want to know more.

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Update

I'm pleased to report that the BIASP EDI event at the 2023 UKSF on 'Women in Stroke Medicine' went very well. We heard inspirational stories from stroke physician leaders in a range of roles spanning clinical and academic career pathways, as well as from our National Clinical Director for Stroke about the importance of 'lift as you climb.' There was significant interest from the attendees on the potential to create a women in stroke medicine group, which we will explore further.



Dr Soma Banerjee
ED&I Lead

Separately, BIASP continues to work on highlighting diverse career pathways, and are currently looking for a new SAS doctor representative executive team member. Please do apply if this is of interest.

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 formally launched on 1/2/24 at St. George's Hospital, London. A range of candidates attended from across the UK and Ireland. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with candidates commenting that it should be a mandatory part of stroke training.

The course is multidisciplinary and open to anyone involved in acute stroke care.
[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and to book a place

We are looking for other sites to host the course in the future. We have developed a package that would include all the relevant materials including access to the scenarios and stroke simulation intranet. We are keen to identify individuals interested in coordinating the development and delivery of the course in their region. We are looking for regional leads in:

- East of England, Ireland, London, Midlands, North East, Northern Ireland
- North West, Scotland, South East, South West, Wales

If you are interested in being involved, please email ukstrokesimulation@gmail.com



BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize 2024

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize

Winner - Alisha Khan

[CLICK HERE](#)



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.

Take up Stroke Fellow Update

TakeUpStroke



This month's report is from

Dr Kevin Kitt

on

**Enhancing Acute Stroke Management
through Multidisciplinary Simulation
Training**

[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**

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**

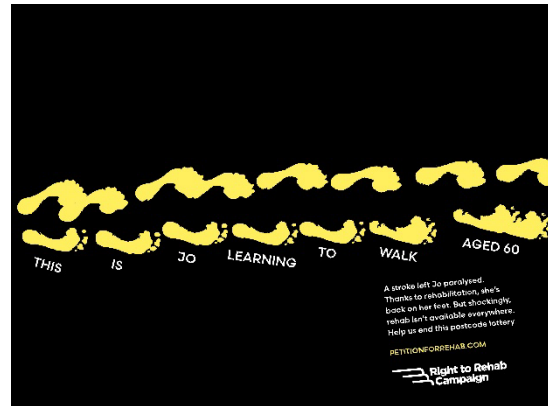
[CLICK HERE](#) to join



Community Rehabilitation Alliance

The rehab 'firsts' billboards, petitionforrehab.com website and radio advert are now live across mainland UK, and also includes support from writer and broadcaster, Stephen Fry.

This campaign activity has been supported by more than 30 members of the Community Rehabilitation Alliance.



The activity is a series of impactful billboards under the 'Right To Rehab' banner showcasing the value of rehab, and calling on people to sign a petition for there to be rehab leadership in every UK hospital and NHS trust. There are a total of 10 billboards and they are dotted around mainland UK, from Bristol, Plymouth, London, Cardiff, Birmingham, Glasgow and Edinburgh

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

Research Article

The timing of anticoagulation initiation in acute ischaemic stroke related to atrial fibrillation remains an ongoing question in stroke medicine.

Balancing the risk between early ischaemic stroke recurrence versus possible haemorrhagic complications is a challenge and is an area of active ongoing research.

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

Survey

An NHS survey of hearing assessment by stroke services

Are you a healthcare professional working in a stroke service?

The Newcastle University Stroke Research Group would be grateful for your help with a short survey about performing hearing assessments and subsequent referral for correction of any hearing loss for stroke patients within your service.

Please answer according to what usually happens locally from your perspective, even if hearing assessments are not performed routinely. The survey is anonymous. Services cannot be identified and no personal information is being requested.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer with the QR code or survey link

The survey closing is date **31st March 2024**.

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.

The logo for the Stroke Association, featuring the word "Stroke" in a large, bold, purple, brush-stroke font, with the word "Association" in a smaller, purple, sans-serif font directly below it.

Stroke
Association

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:



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 28

Topic: Medicolegal aspects of stroke with discussion of some real life clinical negligence cases

Date: Wednesday 20 March 2024

Speaker: Emily Read

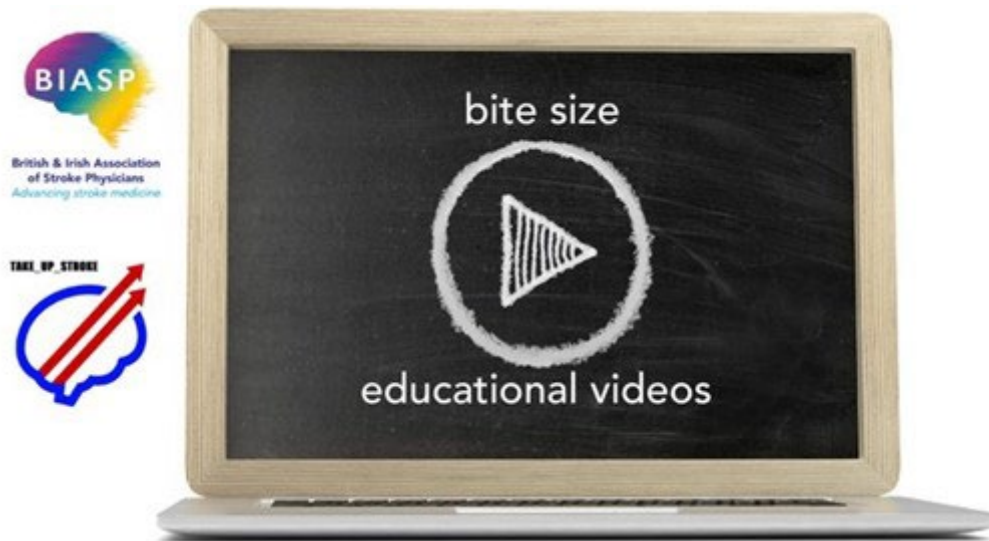
[CLICK HERE](#) to register

Dates for your diary, further details will follow:

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

Master of Research in Stroke

Stroke Hub Wales, a collaborative hub for stroke research, innovation, and education based out of Cardiff Metropolitan University.

The entirely online program offers three distinct options for a global stroke workforce who needs an educational program that adapts to their busy schedules:

1. A **short course in Stroke**, [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer
2. A **Postgraduate Certificate in Stroke**
3. A full **Master of Research in Stroke** (MRes Stroke), [CLICK HERE](#) for flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) to visit Stroke Hub Wales



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

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

Registration Closes 10 March

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



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

SOLD OUT

[CLICK HERE](#) for information & programme



[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

DEPARTMENT OF BRAIN REPAIR AND
REHABILITATION SEMINAR SERIES
UCL QUEEN SQUARE
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Perspectives on Cerebral Microvascular Disease

Dr Mark Fisher

(hosted by Professor David Werring)

University of California, Irvine

Tuesday 16th April 2024, 17:00-18:00

Seminar Room B10, Alexandra House, 17 Queen Square, London WC1N 3AR

[CLICK HERE](#) to confirm your attendance

[CLICK HERE](#) to read about Dr Fisher

Please send enquiries to: a.gent@ucl.ac.uk



15 - 17 May 2024

Basel, Switzerland

[CLICK HERE](#) or more information
[CLICK HERE](#) for fees and 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

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

National Conference in Medicine for the Older Person

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

Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3UF
Tuesday 18th June 2024

Run by Professor Tom Robinson and is chaired by Dr Jatinder Minhas and Dr Lucy Beishon. We invite you to join us for this highly informative CPD (6 point) accredited conference.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

UK Stroke Research Workshop 2024
17th-18th September 2024
Keele Hall, Keele University, Stoke - on- Trent

Organised under the auspices of the NIHR Stroke Speciality Group and hosted by the Stroke Research Group, Keele University the 2024 UK Stroke Research Workshop is generously supported by the British and Irish Association of Stroke Physicians and the Stroke Association.

It will be held on 17th and 18th September 2023 at Keele Hall, Keele University, Stoke - on - Trent following highly successful workshops held in Cambridge, Manchester, Leicester, Sheffield and London. There will be updates on the latest stroke research including sessions on stroke in the young, developments in stroke rehabilitation, mechanisms in vascular dementia, biomarkers in stroke and controversies in acute stroke.

Abstract submissions for both oral and poster presentations are now open and the abstract submission portal together with the programme, venue, registration and accommodation information can all be found at [HERE](#)

We look forward to seeing you at Keele!



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.

[Stroke Consultant](#), Chertsey, closes 3 March

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Romford, closes 3 March

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Camberley, closes 7 March

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Hengoed, closes 10 March

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Southport, closes 14 March

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine and Healthcare for Older People](#), Exeter, closes 14 March

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Bolton, closes 22 March

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

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Lincoln, closes 25 March

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

Other Opportunities

**PhD Student,
School of Biomedical Sciences
University of Leeds**

The studentship is for 3 years which includes UK fee + £18,622 pa. deadline is 11th March 2024

[CLICK HERE](#) for further details of the studentship

To discuss the opportunity further contact Anna Kuppuswamy,
A.Kuppuswamy@leeds.ac.uk

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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