



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

March 2024

BIASP Exec Message



Dr Ganesh Subramanian
BIASP Honorary Secretary

Now that the meteorological spring is upon us, I hope you are feeling suitably feeling more optimistic about the impending sunny days (and hopeful reduction in stroke admissions).

It is my pleasure to inform you that Dr Sohaa Jamil has joined the BIASP Executive Board as the first ever SAS doctor representative. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming Dr Jamil to the team.

I am sure you are aware that David Hargroves has become the new National Clinical Director for Stroke. He has succeeded Deb Lowe who had done a tremendous job over the last few years – she has now taken on the role of senior advisor for GIRFT. I wish both of them all the very best.

It is very exciting to know that NICE is looking at Tenecteplase as a thrombolytic option. We are hoping that we will hear from NICE in the next 3 months. Michelle and I had a meeting with Boehringer Ingelheim (as it happens, Isuru Induruwa, who was the trainee rep in BIASP Executive Committee before Gordon Blair, is now working as the medic at BI) and they reassured us that UK and Ireland will be one of the priority countries for the provision of Tenecteplase. They also assured us that Tenecteplase will be available in UK and ROI by around November this year – this is great news.

We are looking for other sites to host the UK & ROI Acute Stroke Simulation Course in the future. When I recently attended the SSAC meeting in stroke, it was evident that the excellent simulation day put together by our President Elect (Louise Shaw) and Ella Sherman was exceptionally well received. I would recommend that we think about making this more of a National thing.

Lastly, please plan your study leave if you are to attend ESOC in Basel in May 2024 as it is not long to go.

BIASP Election Results & Exec Appointment



Dr Sohaa Jamil
Speciality &
Associate Specialist
Doctor on Exec
Committee



Dr Nick Evans
Scientific
Subcommittee
Member



Prof Sarah
Pendlebury
Scientific
Subcommittee
Member



Dr Zehra Mehdi
Training &
Education
Subcommittee
Member

BIASP Wales Update

It is an exciting time for Stroke in Wales with quite a few developments a foot.

Dr Anjum's report is on the following:

- Artificial Intelligence
- Thrombectomy
- Pre-hospital video triage
- Stroke Hub Wales
- International stroke research

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the report

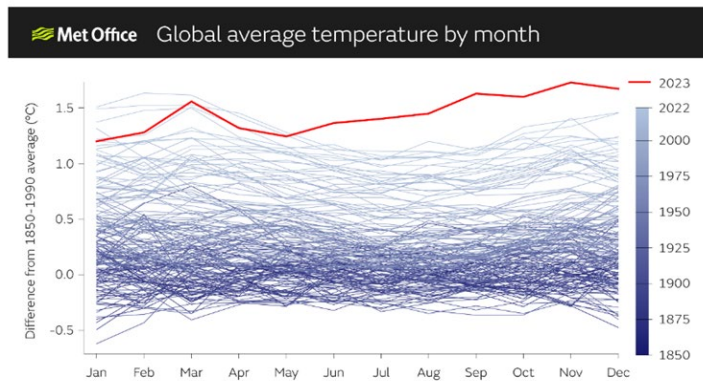


Dr Tal Anjum
BIASP Executive Lead for Wales

Sustainability Update



Dr Bethan Davies
BIASP Sustainability Lead



2023 was the warmest year on record – global average temperature is the key measure of climate change and is associated with changing patterns in rainfall, drought, temperature and extreme weather, which adversely affect health and our ability to deliver healthcare.

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

Training & Education Subcommittee Update

This is my first newsletter as the T&E committee chair and it is a huge privilege to be a part of the team. I am grateful to Dr Louise Shaw, President-elect for her mentoring and words of advice which have been of immense benefit.

As we race towards the second quarter of 2024, it is a good opportunity to reflect on the progress and remarkable enthusiasm in the world of stroke education and learning within the organisation.

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



Dr Saugata Das
Training & Education Subcommittee Chair

BIASP Careers Page - FAQ's



Considering a career in stroke?
BIASP have produced a response to FAQs to guide you in your career choice.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information on:

Why should I consider career in stroke?

How do I become a stroke physician?

Who can apply for stroke sub-specialty training?

What does a typical training pathway look like for a stroke physician?

Careers for stroke physicians

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



**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

Runner up x 3:
[Sebastian John Lister](#)
[Aren Mnatzakanian](#)
[Eleanor Reffin](#)



Click on each name to read their essay

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:

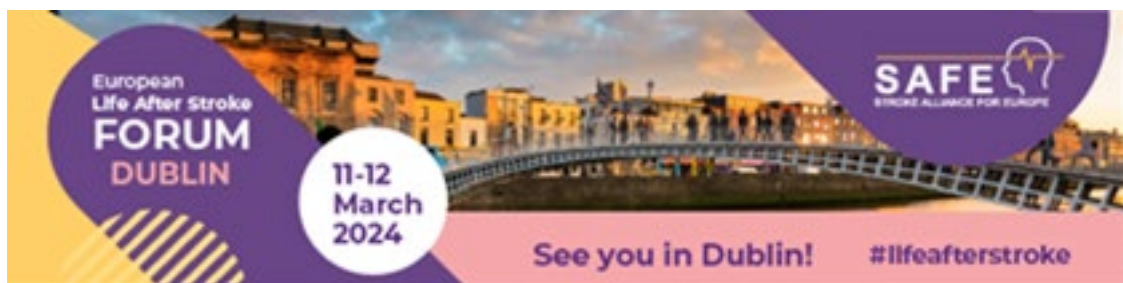
- A big expansion of patients eligible for thrombolysis and thrombectomy
- More intensive interventions in secondary prevention – antiplatelets, cholesterol, blood pressure
- More intensive rehab in hospital and at home to promote motor and language recovery.

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.

ELASF Event Feedback



Dr Shyam Kelavkar, BIASP Trainees Subcommittee member, attended this event on behalf of BIASP.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read his feedback

The presentation slides and the abstract book are now available on the ELASF website.

- To view the abstract book, [please download it here.](#)
- To view the slides from the event, [please click here.](#)

Take up Stroke Fellow Update

TakeUpStroke



This month's report is from
Dr Barath Kumar
on
**Promoting Stroke Medicine to the Next
Generation of Medical Professionals**

[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



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

Survey

The Neurological Alliance- Opportunity to shape My Neuro Survey

The Neurological Alliance are looking for people affected by neurological conditions (adults, parents and guardians of children & young people, and carers), representatives from our member organisations, representatives from national neurological alliances in the UK and the Republic of Ireland, health professionals and representatives from the wider voluntary sector to help us shape the next iteration of My Neuro Survey.

[CLICK HERE](#) to find out more specific information

The deadline for applications is 23:59 Sunday 7 April 2024.

These are the two main groups that will work together. The Neurological Alliance would like healthcare professionals to join them:

- The **Steering Group** will play a strategic role in overseeing the survey
- **Action groups** which will provide more focused contributions to specific survey areas, such as clinical methodology, equity, diversity, and inclusion.

Survey to support GEoS

Sandy Middleton and a team of researchers from the University of Central Lancashire supported by a multidisciplinary team of researchers from a wide range of UK centres are developing a study (GEoS) looking at swallowing assessments post stroke and the use of FEES.

Please complete the below survey to let us know how swallowing is assessed in your Trust, even if you do not use FEES.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the survey

The survey closing date is **15 April 2024**

‘The Identification of Stroke aetiology to reduce reoccurrence of stroke and vascular events (ID-STROKE): finding out what we don’t know’

Currently, there is no nationally agreed best practice guidance or pathway for investigating the aetiology of stroke.

The findings from the survey will be used to inform the development of clinical guidelines and to assess the potential benefits of introducing a new stroke aetiology pathway

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and the survey link

The survey closing date is **15 April 2024**

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

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:



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:

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 29

Topic: Hypotension induced stroke

Date: Wednesday

Speaker: Dr Dan Ryan

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

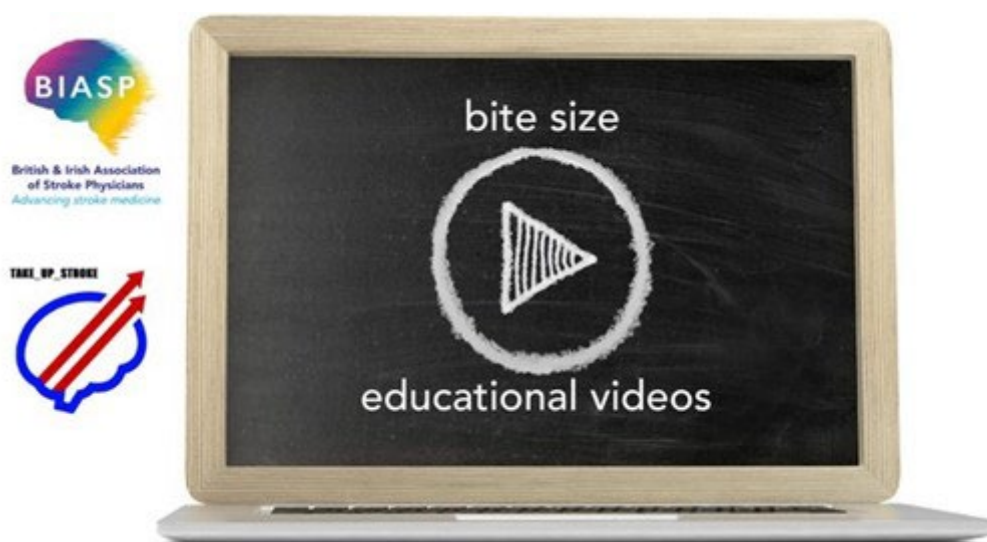
Dates for your diary, further details will follow:

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

Webinar 31: Post thrombectomy complications - insights and valuable lessons from a U.K. CSU, Dr Faisal Chaudhry on 26 June 2024

There will be a summer break so no webinars in July and August

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



Introduction to Stroke Emergency Medicine & Thrombolysis Training Course

Suitable for SpR and SAS Doctors

The course is on Tuesday 7 May 2024,
12.30pm-4pm

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



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
- Physician Associate

[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



Save the Date

UK's largest multidisciplinary conference for stroke care professionals, UKSF 2024

When : Tuesday 3rd December - Thursday 5th December

Where: ACC Liverpool

Abstracts: Opening April

Launching first ever webinar/podcast series throughout the summer and autumn

[CLICK HERE](#) for information

DEPARTMENT OF BRAIN REPAIR AND
REHABILITATION SEMINAR SERIES
UCL QUEEN SQUARE
INSTITUTE OF NEUROLOGY



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

Registration closes 6 April

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!

BRAIN Conference

2-4 December 2024

etc. venues 155 Bishopsgate, London

A national and international faculty will gather under one roof to provide education on several topics, including stroke, aneurysms, new technology and much more!

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

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

In-person and virtual attendance is available.





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.

[Locum Stroke Consultant](#), Hengoed, closes 4 April

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Norwich, closes 6 April

[Consultant \(Stroke\) Physician](#), Lancaster, closes 9 April

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Camberley, closes 12 April

[Specialty Doctor in Stroke & Acute Medicine](#), Tayside, closes 21 April

[Stroke Consultant](#), Northampton, closes 24 April

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Wakefield, closes 26 April

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Lincoln, closes 26 April

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

[Consultant Physician in Stroke Medicine](#), Newport, closes 30 April

Other Opportunities

Health New Zealand - Hawke's Bay
Internal Medicine Physician - Stroke Physician

Closing date: 25 April

[CLICK HERE](#)

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: lcp@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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