

Strike Out Stroke

in Atrial Fibrillation

Action for Stroke Prevention

The recommendations in “How Can We Avoid a Stroke Crisis?” are endorsed by the following organisations:



ADKA (The German Society of Hospital Pharmacists)

www.adka.de

ADKA represents more than ninety percent of the hospital pharmacists working in Germany. It is the only organisation specifically structured to support the needs and ongoing education of hospital pharmacists in Germany and continues to be an inspiring and active voice in both the political and social affairs of German hospital pharmacy.

In addition, ADKA aims to cooperate with pharmaceutical organisations on a national and international level to support and encourage professional placements of hospital pharmacists; and recruit and educate young talent for hospital pharmacy. To these ends, it holds an annual scientific congress, publishes a monthly scientific journal and has eight working groups which oversee the scientific and educational development of German hospital pharmacists.



AntiCoagulation Europe (ACE)

www.anticoagulationeurope.org

AntiCoagulation Europe (ACE) is a registered charity committed to the prevention of thrombosis and the provision of information and support for people receiving anticoagulant and anti-platelet therapy, their families and carers. ACE has a comprehensive website and publishes a quarterly magazine, leaflets and fact sheets.

ACE campaigns for excellence and equity of provision of healthcare. With its advisory panel of leading medical experts, ACE is actively involved in the development and implementation of policies and initiatives to encourage people to take an active role in their own health care. Their campaigns focus on raising public awareness of the risk of developing blood clots and lobbying policy makers on relevant issues, such as abolishing prescription charges on anticoagulants.



Arrhythmia Alliance (A-A)

www.heartrhythmcharity.org.uk

Arrhythmia Alliance (A-A), The Heart Rhythm Charity is a coalition of individuals, patient groups, professional medical groups and allied professionals and organisations throughout the UK and Europe. These groups work together under the A-A umbrella to raise awareness of cardiac arrhythmias and promote and improve understanding, timely and effective diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for individuals with cardiac arrhythmias.

A-A provides educational materials for physicians and patients, promotes research and centres of excellence for arrhythmia diagnosis and treatment. During Arrhythmia Awareness Week 2009, A-A launched the Know Your Pulse campaign in the House of Commons in the UK. The campaign received letters of support from MPs and ex-Prime Minister Tony Blair.



Atrial Fibrillation Association (AFA)

www.atrialfibrillation.org.uk

The Atrial Fibrillation Association (AFA) is an international charity which works to provide information, support and access to established, new or innovative treatments, diagnostics and management for atrial fibrillation. They also aim to advance education of the medical profession and the general public on atrial fibrillation and promote research into its management.

AFA works closely with medical professionals, the UK Department of Health and UK government.



European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP)

www.eahp.eu/

The European Association of Hospital Pharmacists (EAHP) is a working community of 31 national associations of hospital pharmacists whose membership includes more than 21,000 professionals. EAHP's aim is to establish a common pharmaceutical policy in Europe through issuing Policy Statements on important aspects of hospital pharmacy practice.

The EAHP represents the interests of the profession at a European level. The EAHP also contributes to the scientific development of hospital pharmacy, the advancement of the position and role of hospital pharmacists and promotes co-operation with other professional bodies such as the International Pharmaceutical Federation. Communication of these aims and initiatives is achieved partially through its official journal, the European Journal of Hospital Pharmacy (EJHP), and through the annual EAHP Congress of Hospital Pharmacy.



European Brain Council (EBC)

www.europeanbraincouncil.org

The European Brain Council (EBC) is a coordinating council formed by European organisations in neurology, neurosurgery, psychiatry, basic brain research (neuroscience), patient organisations and industry. The EBC's mission is to promote brain research in Europe and to improve the quality of life of those affected by brain diseases.

The EBC therefore represents a vast network of patients, doctors and scientists. These stakeholders, along with its industrial partners make it eminently suited to work in close partnership with the European Union (EU) Commission, the European Parliament and the World Health Organization (WHO), as well as other decision-making bodies.



European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA)

www.escardio.org/EHRA

The European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA) is a registered branch of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). Its goal is to serve as the leading organisation in the field of arrhythmias and electrophysiology in Europe, and to attract all physicians from Europe and beyond to foster the development of this area of expertise. The EHRA aims to improve the quality of life of the European population by reducing the impact of cardiac arrhythmias and reducing sudden cardiac death.

The organisation provides educational and training courses, scientific documents through the European Journal of Pacing, Arrhythmias and Cardiac Electrophysiology and its Scientific Document Committee. At a European level, committees within the EHRA assist communication and collaboration between member countries, including in compiling research study registries to support clinical practice. Their EHRA-EUROSPACE Congress is the foremost European meeting on cardiac arrhythmias and pacing, with global attendance.



European Primary Care Cardiovascular Society (EPCCS)

www.epccs.eu

The European Primary Care Cardiovascular Society (EPCCS) is a Wonca (World Organization of Family Doctors) Europe Special Interest Group and represents primary care physicians, nurses and other healthcare professionals throughout Europe.

The EPCCS focuses on providing support, education, research and contributing to extending scientific evidence and primary care policy on issues relating to cardiovascular disease within primary care settings. The initial emphasis for the EPCCS is on the education of healthcare providers and to this end they currently hold symposia organised around major primary care meetings, such as WONCA and an annual stand alone clinical conference.

Wonca represents and acts as an advocate for its members at an international level where it interacts with world bodies such as the World Health Organization. It is concerned with the academic aspects of general family practice and currently has 97 member organisations in 79 countries and, in total, over 200,000 individual members.



ESC Working Group on Thrombosis

www.escardio.org/thrombosis

The ESC Working Group on Thrombosis is one of 19 working groups of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). Its goal is to disseminate knowledge on thrombosis- and bleeding-related disorders. It does this by supporting clinical research, organising sessions for the annual ESC meeting, educational courses and international congresses, conducting and contributing to ESC task forces, and sponsoring exchanges and awards.

The Working Group is affiliated to the journal Thrombosis and Haemostasis and is involved in all ESC Clinical Practice Guidelines dealing with the diagnosis and treatment of atherothrombotic disorders. It also contributes to the guidelines of other international societies.

The ESC represents 59,000 cardiology professionals throughout Europe and the Mediterranean region.



European Stroke Conference

www.eurostroke.eu

The European Stroke Conference was founded in 1990 by M.G. Hennerici and J. Bogousslavsky.

After biannual meetings in 1992 and 1994 and increasing attendance, the European Stroke Conference became an annual, international, well-received and continuously growing stroke conference, currently with more than 3500 attendants from all over the world. The scientific programme covers the full scope of stroke research from experimental, epidemiological and basic sciences to clinical studies of modern diagnosis, management of acute stroke – stroke units and stroke comprehensive centres, prevention and rehabilitation. A special stroke day covers a full programme for stroke nurses and allied health professionals. The official journal of the European Stroke Conference, Cerebrovascular Diseases, was founded in 1990 and is the top ranked European stroke journal. The Johann Jacob Wepfer Award is donated annually for outstanding scientific work in the field of cerebrovascular diseases and significant contributions to the field of stroke treatment and prevention.



European Stroke Organisation (ESO)

www.eso-stroke.org

The European Stroke Organisation (ESO) is a pan-European society of stroke researchers, national and regional stroke societies and lay people organisations. It was formed out of the merger of the European Stroke Council (ESC) and the European Stroke Organisation (EUSI).

The ESO's mission is to improve and optimise the management of stroke in Europe by providing medical education for healthcare professionals and the lay public. By offering best practice approaches at a European level, the ESO's goal is to harmonise stroke management in Europe.

Its activities include developing and promoting awareness and education, public policy to reduce the number of deaths from stroke and to improve stroke care, prevention programmes and fostering the development of an international stroke communications system. The ESO works closely with the WSO (World Stroke Organisation) on their common goals.



German Competence Network on Atrial Fibrillation (AFNET)

www.kompetenznetz-vorhofflimmern.de

The German Competence Network on Atrial Fibrillation (AFNET) is an interdisciplinary national research network funded by the Federal Ministry of Education and Research which cooperates with academic institutions and patient organisations as well as with the research industry. Its members come from more than 130 hospitals and include over 300 cardiologists, interns, general practitioners and university-based researchers.

AFNET aims to improve the care of patients with atrial fibrillation by promoting research, medical services and information in emerging diagnostic and therapeutic fields in atrial fibrillation. Its physicians and scientists therefore conduct multi-centre prospective trials and surveys; combine methodological approaches to improve the understanding of atrial fibrillation; and develop diagnostic and therapeutic options. The network coordinates about 20 scientific projects dealing with epidemiological, clinical and experimental aspects of atrial fibrillation and has established a nationwide patient registry looking at the diagnosis, treatment and therapy of atrial fibrillation.



International Council of Nurses (ICN)

www.icn.ch

The International Council of Nurses (ICN) is a federation of more than 130 national nurses' associations representing more than 13 millions nurses worldwide. Founded in 1899, ICN is the world's first and widest reaching international organisation for health professionals.

Operated by nurses, it leads and advances nursing and health internationally through its policies, partnerships, advocacy, leadership development, networks, congresses and special projects, with the ultimate aim of ensuring quality nursing care and sound health policies globally. ICN's strategic alliances with governmental and non-governmental agencies, foundations, regional groups, national associations, and individuals worldwide, assist ICN in achieving its goals.

ICN's standards, guidelines and policies for nursing practice, education, management, research and socio-economic welfare are accepted globally as the basis of nursing policy.



Italian Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology (ATBV) Working Group

www.atbv.org/

The mission of the Italian Atherosclerosis, Thrombosis and Vascular Biology (ATBV) Working Group is to stimulate scientific and educational activities among the cardiology and vascular biology community in the field of thrombosis and haemostasis, atherogenesis and atherosclerotic diseases, with a specific interest in diagnosis and treatment of atherothrombotic and thromboembolic diseases.

It is one of the 13 societies affiliated to the Italian Society of Cardiology.



Sociedad Española de Neurología (Spanish Neurological Association)

www.sen.es

The Spanish Society of Neurology (SEN) has over 1,800 members, covering the vast majority of Spanish neurologists and other professionals interested in neurology.

The SEN aims to foster and promote neurological practice and encourage collaboration between professionals of neurology and every sector of society to improve the promotion, development, study and scientific and practical knowledge of neurology. It also focuses on organising professional and research activities in collaboration with hospitals, medical associations and faculties and other scientific societies, as well as holding scientific events in neurology

The SEN is a member of the World Federation of Neurology and the European Federation of Neurological Societies and publishes a number of journals, Neurología being the most important.



StopAfib.org www.StopAfib.org

StopAfib.org is a non-profit charity and online resource that raises awareness of atrial fibrillation and promotes diagnosis and treatment with the goal of improving the quality of life for patients and families and wiping out atrial fibrillation-related strokes.

In September of 2007, StopAfib.org launched Atrial Fibrillation Month to raise awareness of atrial fibrillation and has been active in a number of awareness-raising alliances and initiatives around the globe. One success was passage by the U.S. Senate of a resolution officially designating September 2009 as National Atrial Fibrillation Awareness Month.

As a global patient advocacy site and forum, StopAfib.org features the latest research on atrial fibrillation diagnosis and treatment, including reports and video interviews from medical conferences. A recipient of HON (Health on the Net Foundation) certification, StopAfib.org is one of the world's most visited arrhythmia sites and in the top ten heart disease sites worldwide.



World Stroke Organization (WSO) www.world-stroke.org

The World Stroke Organization (WSO) brings together over 1,200 individual members from 85 countries and more than 45 regional/national scientific and stroke support organisations. It promotes research, best practice standards, public policies and education in stroke to reduce its unacceptable global burden, provide access to and improve stroke care, and firmly establish stroke on the world health agenda.

The WSO's activities include World Stroke Day which takes place annually on October 29, World Stroke Congresses which attract over 2000 participants, the International Journal of Stroke and major education programmes such as the World Stroke Academy. Through these activities, the WSO works to increase the visibility and credibility of its activities amongst stroke clinicians, researchers, other health professionals, international organisations and the general public.