



Primary Care Cardiovascular Society

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PCCS CVD Academy

Last month we launched our CVD Academy, if you haven't already logged into the Academy, please do so and you will be able to view the first four modules as well as recordings of all four sessions from the Spring Conference.

You would have received an activation link (occasionally this can go to your Junk folder), but please contact our secretariat if you need any help at admin@lcwconsulting.co.uk or call 0330 174 1090. Once logged in you will also be able to check your email preferences are set up as you would like them and update any personal details/contact information by clicking on the tab at the top of the page 'Your Membership Account'.

We would like to thank Medtronic for recently supporting, by unrestricted grant, our latest video on 'The role of cardiac monitoring and implantable remote implantable devices in HFrEF' presented by Professor Ahmet Fuat. You can view the video here [PCCS MAIN WEBSITE - Videos - Landing Page \(pccsuk.org\)](https://www.pccsuk.org/PCCS-MAIN-WEBSITE-Videos-Landing-Page)

PCCS 4th Annual Conference

[Registration](#) for our Annual Conference 'Shaping Healthy Communities: Focusing on Cardiovascular Care' is now open. This one-day virtual event will take place on Thursday, 30th September, 8.55am-4pm. The Society's AGM following directly after the meeting, held from 4pm to 5pm (for members only).

As well as hearing from some of the esteemed speakers and members of the PCCS Council, the event will also welcome Sir Michael Marmot, who will be delivering the key note address, which will address health inequalities and their impact on cardiovascular disease. The [agenda](#) can now be viewed on our website and next week we will be sending out invitations to members.

Cardiac networks - why they are important to Primary Care

Regional cardiac networks are currently being established across England and will be key to the delivery of ambitions for improving outcomes and management of cardiovascular disease in the NHS as detailed in the NHS Long Term Plan. These networks are different entities to the historical cardiac networks. The new networks will be responsible for the strategic oversight and implementation of CVD transformation for Integrated Care Systems (ICS's) covering the complete pathway from prevention and detection through to treatment and long-term management of cardiovascular disease in adults. Cardiac Networks and ICS's will require primary care leadership representation to support regional delivery of the CVD ambitions particularly in relation to CVD prevention. This is to raise awareness around such opportunities amongst PCCS members many of whom will be ideally placed to support this work. Further information regarding arrangements in your area will be available from your regional cardiac network or ICS.

Blended learning series: Management of heart failure with reduced ejection fraction in primary care and the use of Forxiga (dapagliflozin)

We have recently added the Q&A asset (delegate questions answered by Dr Derek Connolly) to our series covering the NICE technology appraisal guidance for the use of dapagliflozin for the treatment of people with symptoms related to heart failure with reduced ejection fraction (HFrEF), providing an update on its new licenced indication and focusing on the recommendations for its use within clinical practice in primary care.

The blended learning series is accredited by the PCCS for CPD points and a certificate is available for download once completed. Access all the assets here: [PCCS MAIN WEBSITE - Blended Learning Series \(pccsuk.org\)](https://www.pccsuk.org/PCCS-MAIN-WEBSITE-Blended-Learning-Series)



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Webinars, conferences and events of interest

STARS International Syncope Meeting (ISM) available on demand now

[STARS International Syncope Meeting \(ISM\)](#) offers the opportunity for an update and succinct review of important developments in syncope diagnosis, treatment and management in the previous 12 months. The varied agenda highlights the importance of multidisciplinary working in 'collapses of uncertain cause' and showcases important studies that will impact daily practice as well as giving you an opportunity to look ahead to new developments on the horizon.

The meeting is available on demand, so can be accessed at a time convenient for you. Please click the link below to register and view the agenda: <https://www.heartrhythmalliance.org/stars/uk/stars-international-syncope-meeting-series-2021>

Congress of the European Society of Vascular Medicine: Best practice and comprehensive reviews on peripheral vascular disease, 1st-4th September

This free 4-day virtual conference will provide evidence-based lectures from highly respected international experts on best practice for the peripheral vascular disease (PVD) patient, along with a comprehensive review of PVD aspects, covering peripheral artery disease, venous disease and lymphology. It will also update on the latest evidence in epidemiology, diagnosis and management. For more details and to book, please click here: [7th Congress of the European Society of Vascular Medicine: Best practice and comprehensive reviews on peripheral vascular disease \(rsm.ac.uk\)](https://www.rsm.ac.uk/7th-congress-of-the-european-society-of-vascular-medicine)

With best regards,

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