



Primary Care Cardiovascular Society

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PCCS CVD Academy launch

We are delighted to be able to launch our PCCS CVD Academy within the next week. The PCCS CVD Academy will provide CVD leads and HCPs with a variety of different educational resources related to cardiovascular disease. The first four modules will go live on the PCCS website in the upcoming days, and you will be able to access these via your PCCS account. These modules are:

- An overview of CVD prevention, population health and health inequalities – why it is a UK priority
- Assessing CVD risk, including NHS health checks
- Hypertension
- Lipids and familial hypercholesterolaemia

Each module is CPD accredited and you can download a certificate directly from the Academy.

In addition to these modules, recordings of all four sessions from the spring conference, 'Current Conversations in Cardiovascular Disease', which was held on the 14th May, will be available on the Academy website.

You will be sent instructions by email, in the next few days, on how to access all these resources and future modules. Please look out for the email and follow the instructions accordingly.

PCCS 4th Annual Conference

Early registration for our Annual Conference is now open. 'Shaping Healthy Communities: Focusing on Cardiovascular Care' a one-day virtual event will take place on Thursday, 30th September and run from 9am–4pm. The day will finish with the Society's Annual General Meeting held from 4pm–5pm (for members only).

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

This series covers 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 the webinar, podcast and talking head video here: [PCCS MAIN WEBSITE - Blended Learning Series \(pccsuk.org\)](http://PCCS%20MAIN%20WEBSITE%20-%20Blended%20Learning%20Series%20(pccsuk.org))

Oxford AHSN and GIRFT Guideline for AF detection in COVID clinics

Improved identification of AF and the prescribing of oral anticoagulant therapy to those at high risk of an AF related stroke reduces the incidence of AF related strokes¹¹. However, the pandemic has had an impact on the numbers of new cases of AF identified in the past year. Many CVD risk factors are picked up through standard face-to-face primary care appointments, and these have been significantly reduced during the pandemic.

Oxford AHSN and GIRFT have developed a guideline that brings together learning from several pilot sites who have been carrying out targeted AF detection in COVID-19 vaccination clinics. The aim is to provide guidance for systems wishing to develop a standard operating procedure for offering targeted rhythm checks for AF detection in COVID-19 vaccination clinics. Sites wishing to adopt targeted AF detection in their vaccination clinics are encouraged to read this document to support them in identifying the model of delivery that would best suit them.

[Download the Targeted AF detection in COVID-19 vaccination clinics' guidance](#)

¹¹ Cowan JC, Wu J, Hall M et al. A 10-year study of hospitalized atrial fibrillation-related stroke in England and its association with uptake of oral anticoagulation. *Eur Heart J* 2018;39:2975-83





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Webinars, conferences and events of interest

Peripheral arterial disease in primary care: What's new? Wednesday, 23rd June

Members are invited to the Vascular, Lipid and Metabolic Medicine Section of the Royal Society of Medicine's webinar, [Peripheral arterial disease in primary care: What's new?](#) taking place on 23rd June 2021 from 6pm to 8pm. The webinar will update and equip professionals in primary care on how to implement an evidence-based approach to managing peripheral arterial disease. National and international experts will show you how to approach a patient suspected of having peripheral arterial disease, and what can be done to improve patient outcomes.

Palliative Care and Heart Failure Virtual Conference, Tuesday, 29th June

Join Birmingham St Mary's Hospice and hear world-renowned keynote speakers and innovative approaches to improving the lives of patients with heart failure and palliative care needs. Don't miss out on this unique opportunity to reflect on research, experience and emerging practice and help drive discussion and unlock ideas with clinicians from cardiology and palliative care backgrounds, allied healthcare professionals and others. Find out more and register your place today:

www.birminghamhospice.org.uk/palliative-care-and-heart-failure-conference

Heart UK's 34th Medical & Scientific Virtual Conference 2021, 7th/13th/15th/20th/22nd July

Register and enjoy access to over 12 hours of stimulating educational content, live streamed on the day and available for 3 months on demand. Medical & Scientific, Primary & Healthcare plenary talks, oral and poster abstract presentations, hosted symposia and lots, lots more. Log in and enjoy an immersive virtual experience, match interests and meet new connections. For more information and to register please visit: <https://pccsuk.org/2020/en/node/newsitem-heart-uk-s-34th-medical-scientific-virtual-conference-2021--hypercholesterolaemia-familial-or-not>

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 (PWD) 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://rsm.ac.uk)

With best regards,

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