



Dear Colleague,

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Register for our PCCS Spring Conference 2023

We are now down to our final few delegate spaces for our third Spring Conference, *Exploring comorbidity in patients with cardiovascular disease*, being held at The King's Fund, London, on **Thursday, 25th May 2023** (08:15-16:55).

Conference sessions will cover:

- COPD and breathlessness
- Diabetes and CVD
- Non-pharmacological management of hypertension
- Research in CVD – HEART and ASPIRE-TO-ACTION
- Frailty in CVD

The full agenda can be viewed here:

[PCCS MAIN WEBSITE - 2023 Spring Conference agenda \(pccsuk.org\)](https://pccsuk.org)

To view this year's speaker profiles, click here:

[PCCS MAIN WEBSITE - 2023 Spring Conference Speaker Profiles \(pccsuk.org\)](https://pccsuk.org)

To attend this free event, please register here:

[PCCS MAIN WEBSITE - PCCS 3rd Spring Conference \(pccsuk.org\)](https://pccsuk.org)

The ABC(H) of CVD in Wales: An update for Primary Care

Due to the overwhelming response to our PCCS Wales Conference, taking place on **Wednesday, 26th April 2023** at the **Leonardo Hotel, Cardiff** we have now closed registrations.

If you would like to join the waiting list please call 0330 174 1090 or email registrations@lcwmed.co.uk.



British Heart Foundation (BHF) community pharmacist request

The BHF wishes to speak to a community pharmacy who is involved in the management of CVD or cardiovascular risk factors, such as hypertension or hypercholesterolemia. They're specifically interested in colleagues who are actively uptitrating or changing medications, in addition to measuring the risk factors. If you are aware of a community pharmacy team who would be interested in this please email: admin@pccsuk.org.

UK Thrombosis Research Network (UK-TReN)

UK-TReN is an informal clinician-led network of healthcare professionals with an interest in thrombosis research. It was formed as an off-shoot from the Haematology CRN group by a small number of haematologists.

The first meeting is open to anyone who is interested in thrombosis research including all allied health professionals, doctors, midwives, nurses, and scientists. Guest speakers include Prof Dan Horner and Prof Simon Noble.

Register in advance to join the virtual meeting on **Tuesday, 28th March**, 17:00–18:00.

[Webinar Registration - Zoom](#)

NTW'23 virtual conference

Thrombosis UK would like to welcome you to National Thrombosis Week accredited virtual conference; live **from Tuesday, 2nd May–Friday, 5th May 2023** with catch-up access until **Wednesday, 31st May**.

Suitable for all healthcare and allied health professionals who are seeking to extend their understanding and skills in the prevention and best management of thrombosis.

The **PCCS** will be supporting this event with a session on **Thursday, 4th May at 14:30–15:30**. Bev Bostock will chairing two important topics and an important area – one presentation will be on *The menopause, HRT and clots*, presented by Dr Louise Newson, who will also include information about not needing to stop most types of HRT pre-op. The second topic, presented by Dr Luke Wookey, will be linked to hormone therapy but with a focus on *VTE in gender reassignment*.

We hope you will be able to join us for these exciting sessions. Registration and details: <https://tuk-edu.vfairs.com/en/>

British Cardiovascular Society – Heart Research UK Fellowship Scheme

The BCS has formed a new partnership with Heart Research UK (HRUK) to create a clinical fellowship scheme. The BCS/HRUK scheme offers clinical top-up training, allowing candidates across the NHS workforce to gain new clinical skills or experience in a global centre of excellence.

There is one fellowship award remaining available under this scheme:

BCS-HRUK Fellowship: An individual clinical placement for an AHP (eg nurse specialist, technologist, clinical scientist) for up to 1 month in a centre of excellence, to learn new practical skills or pathways of care, for which there are plans for adoption back in the UK host centre.

Maximum award £15,000.

These fellowships, funded by HRUK, offer a fantastic training opportunity to NHS staff who are BCS members and who want to innovate and drive quality improvement programmes in their host organisations. This is a BCS membership benefit, open to fully paid-up ordinary members or joint members of the BCS.

Please follow the link to apply:

<https://www.britishcardiovascularsociety.org/resources/fellowship-opportunities-from-hruk-and-vcacc>





Accelerating progress on CVD

Join The King's Fund on **Tuesday, 20th June 2023** to find out more about how you could support with accelerating progress on CVD.

Currently, 1 in 4 of all deaths in England are a result of CVD. The yearly healthcare costs related to CVD are estimated at £7.4 billion, with an annual cost to the wider economy of £15.8 billion.

This event will explore a number of issues including how integrated care systems and cardiac networks can work effectively with health and care organisations to focus on prevention, early diagnosis, and secondary prevention. The event will also explore the link between CVD and health inequalities and how we can support prevention in ethnically diverse communities.

Find out more on their website: [Accelerating progress on cardiovascular disease | The King's Fund \(kingsfund.org.uk\)](https://www.kingsfund.org.uk/accelerating-progress-on-cardiovascular-disease)

HEART UK Annual Medical & Scientific Conference 2023, Lipids – the best yet

Join HEART UK on **Wednesday, 5th– Friday, 7th July 2023** to hear the latest thinking and best practice in lipid management and treatments.

The conference is for medical, scientific, healthcare and student attendees with an interest in lipids, atherosclerosis, cholesterol conditions, cardiovascular disease and nutrition and involved in primary and secondary care or industry.

[Conference website](#)

100% of surveyed attendees said they would be able to apply the learnings from the conference into their day to day practice to improve patient outcomes. The conference will be CPD accredited.

Registration is now open and attendance includes access to all conference sessions, sponsored symposia, posters, exhibition, and extensive networking opportunities. Recorded sessions from the conference will be available for on-demand viewing post conference to all registered HCP attendees.

[Register here](#)

Abstract submissions are invited by healthcare professionals on any topic relating to cholesterol and related conditions. Submission deadline is **Monday, 20th March 2023**. Case study submissions for Clinical Lipidology Live will open soon.

[Submit here](#)

The Rianna Wingett award nomination 'Beyond the Call of Duty' is open and will close on **Friday, 22nd April 2023**.

Calling for nominations from healthcare professionals to propose a colleague who you feel has gone beyond the call of duty in terms of early detection of FH or raised cholesterol.

[Nominate here](#)

Your vital role in shaping NICE guidance

We've recently received the following statement from NICE related to the importance of having primary care representation to develop their recommendations:

A wide range of healthcare professionals, including primary care staff, work with the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) to develop their recommendations. From district nurses and GPs to practice nurses and community pharmacists, NICE is guided by your knowledge and expertise.

[Learn more about how primary care colleagues influence NICE's work.](#)



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AF Detection and Diagnosis Pathway

The evening of Thursday, 2nd March, saw the live webinar launch of the AF Detection and Diagnosis Pathway which highlights digital options which can help in detecting AF.

This resource has been co-developed by Trudie Lobban MBE, Dr Jim Moore, Professor Simon Ray, Helen Williams and the Stroke in Atrial Fibrillation Initiative (SAFI) which comprises the pharmaceutical companies Bayer, Daiichi Sankyo UK, Bristol Myers Squibb Pharmaceuticals Limited and Pfizer operating as the BMS-Pfizer Alliance. No funding has been provided by the SAFI group to individuals or organisations involved in the pathway co-development. SAFI has provided funding to Policy Matters as the SAFI secretariat to provide meeting logistics, practical assistance with materials development and support to co-ordinate pathway development. As SAFI will be disbanding, ownership of and responsibility for the pathway and associated materials will transfer to the Primary Care Cardiovascular Society following the launch on 2nd March 2023.

The pathway can now be accessed here: [PCCS Academy - Atrial fibrillation and arrhythmia resources \(pccsuk.org\)](https://pccsuk.org)

Warmest regards,

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