



Promoting better understanding, diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for individuals suffering with cardiac arrhythmia

ARRHYTHMIA ALLIANCE AFFILIATION INFORMATION & APPLICATION FORM

PATIENT GROUPS

With the increasing numbers of cardiac devices being implanted throughout the UK, there are an increasing number of patient groups being established. These are currently a mixture of some patient led only, some nurse/physiologist led and some patient and professional led groups. One of the issues that has become apparent is the need for standardisation in the information that is provided to arrhythmia patients and partners/carers and also the need to run the group with professional input. Due to these concerns, the following guidelines have been produced to ensure that groups reach a national standard with regard to the information and patient support that they provide.

Affiliation will have a number of benefits for individual groups. Most importantly, the link to such an organisation will enhance a group's credibility. It also means that the group has access to advice, support and information that is accredited and endorsed by the Department of Health and independent medical professionals who sit on the Arrhythmia Alliance Executive Committee. Participation in such a scheme will ensure that groups countrywide can achieve a nationally recognised standard.

Despite affiliation, groups will remain independent yet will profit from the partnership that is created. Affiliation is free and there are only a few guidelines that groups must comply with.

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Arrhythmia Alliance offers Affiliated groups the following opportunities:

- Accredited information booklets, fully endorsed by the Department of Health
- Helpline support and advice
- Free hosting and design of group website, if required
- Advertisement of group events & meetings on Arrhythmia Alliance website and in e-bulletins
- Free patient & carer membership
- Signposting of patients to groups
- Funding advice
- Group management guidance & support
- Volunteer recruitment & training
- Help in establishing new groups
- Links and contacts with other groups
- Arrhythmia Alliance representation at group meetings whenever possible, if required

Optional:

- Accreditation of local groups' information leaflets by the Arrhythmia Alliance

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REQUIREMENTS FOR PATIENT GROUP AFFILIATION:

Groups must:

- Fully comply with the Aims & Objectives of Arrhythmia Alliance as approved by the Charities Commission (www.heartrhythmcharity.org.uk)
- Outline its aims & objectives
- Ensure that the group is set up in partnership with patients, carers and healthcare professionals

To ensure that a national standard is reached, it is **suggested** that groups use the DoH accredited Arrhythmia Alliance information booklets.

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The Arrhythmia Alliance logo may only be used with prior permission and for specific projects. Endorsement and accreditation of a group's publications must be sought should the group wish the Arrhythmia Alliance logo to appear in any group publications.

Patient groups may publish the phrase; 'Affiliated to Arrhythmia Alliance – The Heart Rhythm Charity' once the declaration has been signed.

Arrhythmia Alliance reserves the right to disaffiliate a group at any time if it fails to meet the affiliation requirements or acts in such a way so as to bring the name and reputation of the Arrhythmia Alliance into disrepute.

Arrhythmia Alliance is unable to provide funding for groups but will provide funding application advice.

Arrhythmia Alliance is not legally responsible for the actions, activities or insurance policies of individual groups.

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AFFILIATION APPLICATION FORM

Please complete and return this form to Trudie Lobban, Arrhythmia Alliance
PO BOX 3697, Stratford Upon Avon, Warwickshire CV37 8YL

Name of patient group:

Group contact name:

Address:

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.....Post Code.....

Telephone:

Email:

(Please note that contact details will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act).

NB Please ensure at least ONE of the following is included with this completed form:

Copy of Group Aims & Objectives (**please also list below**)

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Copy of Group Mission Statement *

Copy of Group Constitution / Governing document / Trust Deed *

* if in place

Declaration of affiliation

The group wishes to become affiliated to Arrhythmia Alliance and agrees to comply with the requirements as outlined in this document.

Signed:

Print name: Date

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