

Arrhythmia Alliance South West Meeting

Wednesday 15th April 2009

Hot Topics in Cardiology: Focus on the Role of Primary Care

This meeting, in partnership with the Heart Improvement Programme (HIP) and the Department of Health (DoH), is intended for GPs and other Healthcare Professionals in Primary Care who are involved with providing a service of care for patients with cardiac arrhythmias. We also welcome other Allied Professionals interested in Cardiology, Charity organisations and Cardiac Patients. Topical issues such as heart failure, atrial fibrillation, anticoagulation, syncope and sudden death will be covered in presentations targeted at Primary Care given by experts from across the South West.

9:00 Arrival, Registration, Coffee

FOCUS ON HEART FAILURE IN PRIMARY CARE.

Chair: Angus Nightingale, Consultant Cardiologist, Heart Failure Specialist, BRI

9:30 The Gloucestershire Community Heart Failure Service – Jim Moore GP, Annie MacCallum Heart Failure Specialist Nurse and Service Lead, Gloucester

10:00 How secondary/tertiary care can help primary care manage heart failure and how to access it - Mandie Townsend Consultant Cardiologist Heart Failure Specialist, BRI

10:30 -11:00 Break

11:00 Device implant indications; regional inequalities - Mark Dayer Consultant Cardiologist Device Specialist, Taunton

11:30 End of life management of patients with devices for heart failure - Jenny Tagney Consultant Nurse, Bristol

MANAGEMENT OF AF IN PRIMARY CARE (1)

Chair: Martin Hime, GP Clevedon

12:00 Managing Palpitation in Primary Care - Martin Hime

12:30 The role of the arrhythmia nurse
Annie Horne, Bristol
Sandy Jackson, Taunton/Yeovil
Kay Elliott, Dorset

1:00 – 2:00 Lunch



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

MANAGEMENT OF AF IN PRIMARY CARE (2)

Chair: Tim Cripps, Consultant Electrophysiologist, BRI

2:00 Medical management of AF; anticoagulation, the role of pacing and cryoablation –
Tim Cripps Consultant Electrophysiologist, BRI

2:30 The role of RF ablation and surgical techniques for AF ablation – David Tomlinson
Consultant Cardiologist Derriford Hospital, Plymouth

3:00 – 3:30 Break

SYNCOPE AND FOCUS ON SUDDEN DEATH IN THE YOUNG.

Chair: Graham Stuart, Adult Congenital Heart Disease Specialist, BRI

3:30 How to take a history and what investigations to do for blackouts - Jonathan Pitts Crick
Consultant Electrophysiologist

4:00 What use is cardiac genetics for primary care? - Ruth Newbury-Ecob Consultant Geneticist

4:30 Sudden death in the young - Graham Stuart Consultant Cardiologist for paediatric and adult
congenital cardiac disease

5:00 Round up and close

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