



ACNAP

Association of Cardiovascular
Nursing & Allied Professions

- **Building excellence within
the cardiovascular nursing
and allied professions
community**



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European Society
of Cardiology

WHO WE ARE

The Association of Cardiovascular Nursing and Allied Professions (ACNAP), a former Council of the European Society of Cardiology (ESC), was created in 2018. We're a dynamic and collaborative association specialising in the prevention, rehabilitation and management of patients with cardiovascular disease.

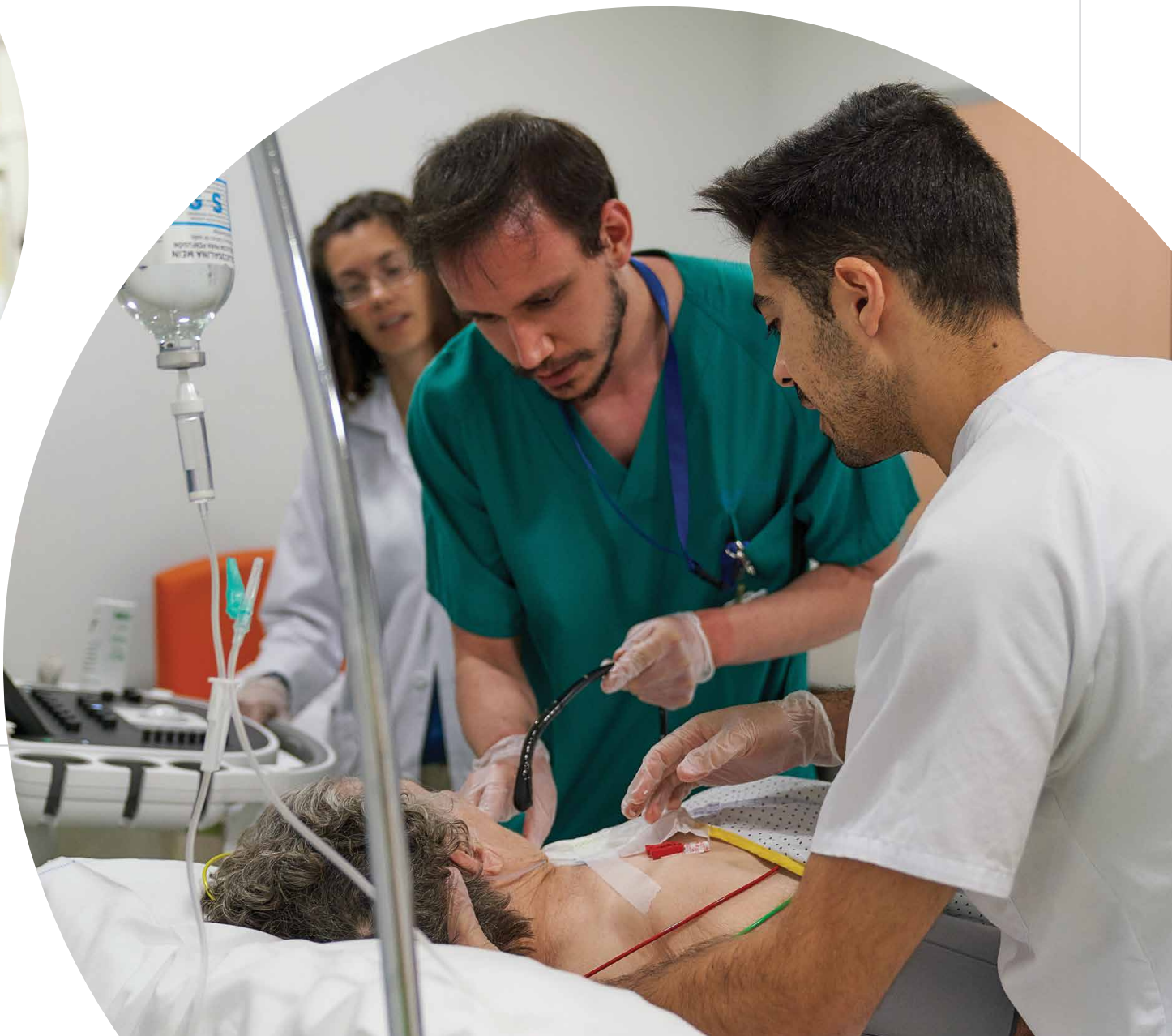
What makes ACNAP unique?

ACNAP is the largest organisation for nurses and allied professionals working in cardiology in Europe, and we represent the interests of our members in both clinical practice and research. We focus on issues that affect our profession.

Through our connections with the ESC's other subspecialty groups, we build excellence in clinical practice and develop inter-professional education to improve patient outcomes.



ACNAP, a branch of the European Society of Cardiology, is a not-for-profit organisation.



Our Community

ACNAP warmly welcomes all those who wish to develop their expertise and knowledge, network and collaborate on international projects. This includes, among others, nurses, radiologists, dieticians, technicians, physiotherapists, psychologists and pharmacists - all those who play a role in the patient journey.

Lis Neubeck
ACNAP President



Meet the ACNAP Board 2020-2022

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Advocacy Committee Chair - Irene Gibson (*Ireland*)

YoCo Committee Chair - Lien Desteghe (*Belgium*)

Ex-officio, Task Force on Allied Professions - Maria Back (*Sweden*)

Ex-officio, ESC CEO - Isabel Bardinnet (*France*)

Active leaders

All ACNAP activities are delivered by volunteers who are leading experts in their fields.

Our Network

An effective network

We proudly share knowledge and learn from national cardiovascular nursing societies across Europe and partner organisations around the globe.

Bright-minded members

We welcome all health care professionals, at any career stage who want to excel in their field, deliver optimal patient outcomes and help others in the ACNAP community be the best they can be.

ACNAP Young Community (YoCo) ACNAP YOUNG COMMUNITY

Our newly-established community works to meet the needs of young cardiovascular nurses and allied professionals, to help them become the leaders of tomorrow. YoCo is developing a worldwide network of national young ambassadors.



“ By being part of this community, you not only belong to an association but to a wide society of professionals who share similar objectives: the well-being and support of our patients with cardiovascular disease. ”

Dr Tina Hansen, Zealand University Hospital, Roskilde, Denmark
ACNAP Past President



100+
active
volunteers



6,000
professionals
worldwide



30%
of ACNAP members
are under 40



50+
European organisations
and affiliated societies

Our Mission

To promote excellence in cardiovascular nursing and allied professions through practice, education and research.



“ACNAP cultivates relationships between countries, nurses and allied professionals. Providing opportunities for education, training, and exchange and dissemination of knowledge. Therefore, developing the skills needed to provide safe, high quality cardiac care, helping to decrease the burden of heart disease in their home countries.”

Lynne Hinterbuchner, FESC
Education Committee Chair

Our Vision



To be the leading international community supporting the professional development of nurses and allied professionals.

Our Values



Respect

We trust, value and empower each other

Excellence

We strive to deliver the highest quality outcomes at all times



Integrity

We act honestly, ethically and transparently in all we do



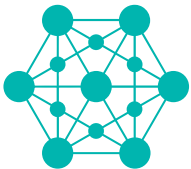
Confidence

Our performance emanates from a sound knowledge base that underpins clinical and research expertise



Ambition

A strong desire to be the best interdisciplinary group in cardiovascular nursing and allied professions



Connected

We are active collaborators within the ESC and beyond, recognising that we can achieve more together



Expand

To build interdisciplinary alliances

WHAT WE DO

At ACNAP, we create and deliver a diverse programme of activities, including education, research and mentorship. Everything we do is about creating and maintaining standards of professional excellence and supporting our members.





600+
delegates



80+
faculty members



40+
countries



20+
scientific sessions

Congress - EuroHeartCare

Our annual congress - EuroHeartCare - is a unique opportunity to meet with experts and peers. Nothing beats hearing the latest updates firsthand and sharing your own research with like-minded colleagues from around the world. EuroHeartCare aims to inspire and connect people, as well as to educate. It's also a great opportunity to recognise excellence through our award programme.

In addition to its annual congress, ACNAP contributes to major events in the field to represent our professions' perspective and insights in the management of cardiovascular disease.

Education

Keeping up to date is essential for any nurse or allied professional but this is particularly true in the field of cardiology which is constantly innovating and evolving. ACNAP offers a range of educational opportunities to support its members and their professional development. From e-learning to practice guidelines and grants - we've got it covered.



Webinars

Hot topics discussed with experts in 60 minutes, online programmes



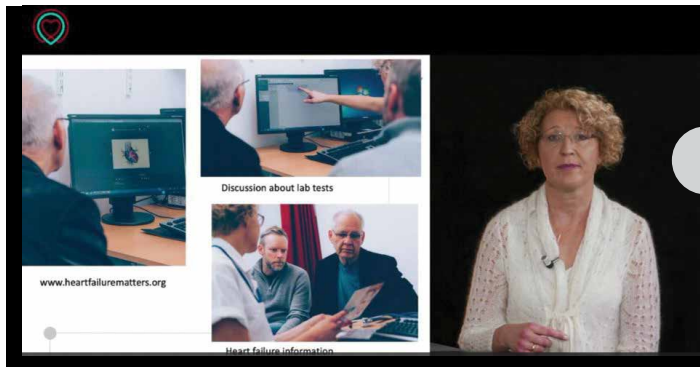

Clinical case gallery

Real and typical clinical scenarios, which focus on patient-centred care



Courses on Heart Failure for Nurses

Country-tailored and translated content to deliver safe, effective, evidence-based care to heart failure patients






Multiple Choice Question 1

What optimisation of medication is most appropriate to start with to treat HF and hypertension?

1. Increase diuretics
2. Increase betablocker
3. Add mineralcorticoid receptor antagonist (MRA)
4. Replace angiotensin-converting enzyme inhibitor (ACE-I) with angiotensin receptor blocker/neprilysin inhibitor (ARNI)
5. Add Amlodipine

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Multiple Choice Question 2

During the diuretic therapy you should regularly monitor all the below except:

1. Symptoms
2. Renal function
3. Natriuretic peptides
4. Urine output
5. Serum electrolytes

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ESC nursing grants

€25,000 to train at an ESC centre of excellence



Educational grants

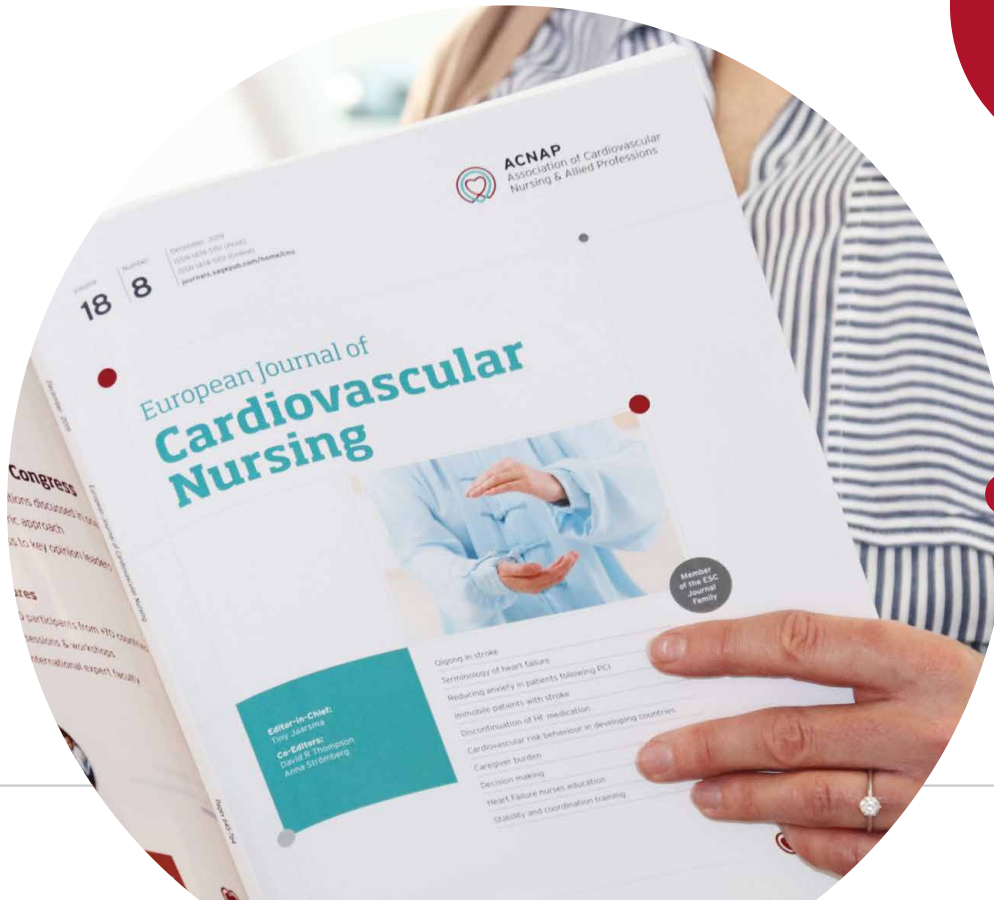
Offered to attend EuroHeartCare

• Publications

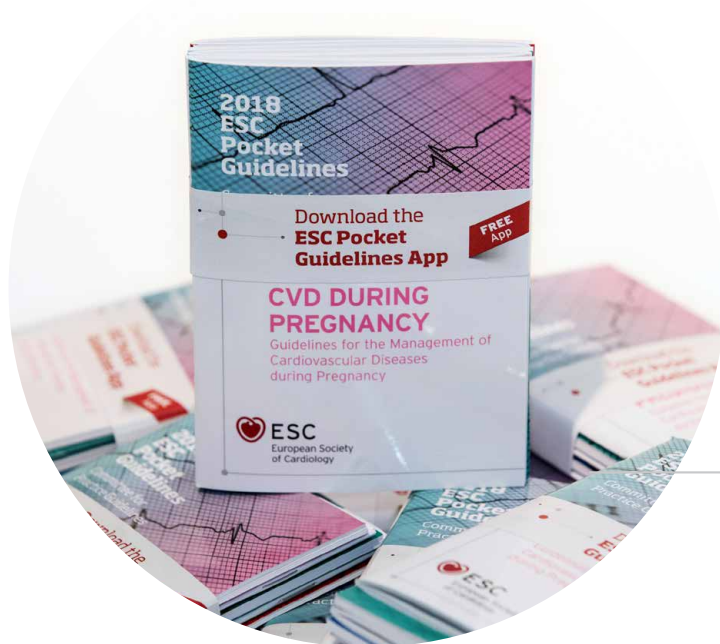
European Journal of Cardiovascular Nursing (EJCN) - The voice of nurses and allied professionals

EJCN, our official peer-reviewed international journal, is dedicated to the advancement of knowledge in the field of cardiovascular nursing and the promotion of evidence-based clinical practice. It publishes original articles, editorials and short report reviews to improve the quality of care for patients with cardiovascular disease.

Impact Factor
3.908



Research



ESC Clinical Practice Guidelines

ACNAP has actively contributed to ESC joint position papers and ESC Clinical Practice Guidelines, including those on CVD during pregnancy, atrial fibrillation, hypertension and prevention of cardiovascular disease.

Injectable Therapies

ACNAP has carried out the first survey to measure the use of injectable therapies. The project “Patient and healthcare professionals’ perspectives on use of injectable medicines among patients with cardiovascular conditions”, will be applied to explore the current facilitators and barriers to injectables in CVD from the perspective of patients, caregivers and HCPs. Through the survey and focus groups, we can develop and test the feasibility and acceptance of material on injectable therapies for CVD patients. Outcome results and scientific papers will be published by the end of 2021.

Advocacy

THE NEW GLOBAL VOICE OF CARDIOVASCULAR NURSES AND ALLIED PROFESSIONALS

We believe we have the ability to shape the future and influence health policy by giving nurses and allied professionals a stronger voice. We strive to:

- Harmonise and upscale the educational provision and professional development of nurses and allied health professionals.
- Promote research, innovation and practice of cardiovascular nurses and allied health professionals through ACNAP and collaborative activities.



“Nurses and allied professionals see the challenges in how medical information is communicated to our patients; the barriers to medication adherence and where best practices can be difficult to apply. Through the ESC Patient Forum, we’re working in collaboration with patients to integrate their unique insights and perspectives into ESC Clinical Practice Guidelines, research and education. ACNAP and its leadership are playing a significant role in this new initiative - making patients part of our multi-disciplinary approach.”

Donna Fitzsimons, FESC
ESC Patient Forum Chair



Membership

Belong to a vibrant community - join the leading network of Cardiovascular Nursing and Allied Professions.

Choose the membership level that best suits you - Regular or Silver. You can also combine the Silver level with other ESC memberships within the ESC family to suit your specific interests - from prevention and heart failure to acute cardiac care and interventional cardiology.



REGULAR

Receive ACNAP newsletters
Limited access to some benefits

Free



SILVER

**All regular membership benefits
AND**
Online subscription to *EJCN*
**Unlimited access to ACNAP
educational and scientific resources**
Discount on EuroHeartCare congress
Access to grants & mentoring

€45



OR combined with
ESC Professional Membership

€72

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