



**ACNAP**  
Association of Cardiovascular  
Nursing & Allied Professions

# Swiss Working Group for Cardiovascular Nurses and Allied Professionals (AG-KAPT)

AG-KAPT is one of 12 working groups of the Swiss Society of Cardiology (SSC)

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# Mission and objectives

## Aim

Maintain professional interactions/communication

Support training and research for nurses and allied professionals in the field of Cardiology with the goal to improve the care provided to cardiac patients and their family members

## Objectives

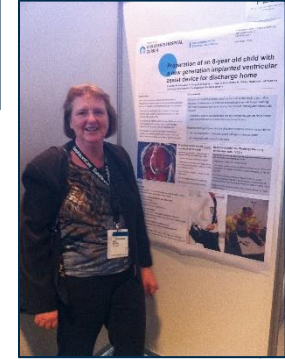
- Promote/contact/communication/networking between members
- Provide information on cardiovascular nursing topics or ACNAP initiatives
- Encourage education and research (Annual Congress) to support best practices in the clinical area
- Develop and maintain specialist cardiovascular nursing groups (Interest groups)
- Maintain national and international collaborations

## Membership

AG-KAPT membership 2020: 320

# Main Activities

- Create nursing programme for the annual congress
- Support abstract submissions and abstract review
- Exchange ideas, knowledge and experiences between members
- Coordinate and support the three Interest groups
- Collaboration with national and international groups
- Participation and presentation of our research results at congresses
- Maintaining our website



# Conferences & Events 2021

**January:** Wintermeeting Heartfailure with participation of members of the IG HF

**April:** Case Discussion, online meeting of the IG Congenital Heart Disease

**June:** SSC Annual Meeting, including the full day AG-KAPT nursing programme and working group annual general assembly

**August:** Full-day Meeting of the IG Heartfailure – education, networking and annual general assembly

**September:** Heartfailure D-A-CH meeting in Zurich/Switzerland including a full day nursing programme

**November:** Congenital Heart Network Day for patients and health professionals (IG CHD)

**November:** Swiss Rhythm Congress incl. Hands-on Training (IG Rhythmologie)

# Challenges & barriers within our nursing community



- Increased workload
- Same people participating in numerous cardiovascular nursing groups (Academic Society of Cardiovascular Nursing, ACNAP, AEPC, ISACHD etc)
- Recruiting new people for the board (no physical exchange/no face-to-face meetings)
- 2020/2021. Financial Limitation due to Covid 19 (less sponsors)
- Keeping track of members
- Language barriers (French, German, Italian regions in Switzerland)



- Highly dedicated board members
- Innovative Interest groups
- Long-term sponsors
- Close collaboration with SSC
- New (virtual) formats for education/communication

# Key areas to develop for the nursing community

- Regular participation during National Conference Calls
- Increase participation in ACNAP initiatives (share our partnership with ACNAP)
- Communicate the efforts and opportunities that ACNAP offers to our members
- Work within the language barriers, attracting members from all parts of the country
- Integrate research into practice (meetings, webinars, informational letters)
- Support cardiovascular research and member participation at ACNAP congresses (time conflict)
- Working Group Congenital heart Disease ;)

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