



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

# Belgian Working Group on Cardiovascular Nursing (BWGCVN)



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of Cardiology



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# 1. Presentation

## Current number of members

n= 1,633

### Mission & objectives

- To improve the quality of nursing care for patients with cardiovascular disease in Belgium.
- To undertake and support activities which promote cardiovascular health.
- To develop, disseminate and monitor the standards of continuing education and clinical practice.
- To promote evidence-based cardiovascular nursing practice in Belgium.
- To collaborate with the Belgian Society for Cardiology and its working groups to improve the quality of life of the Belgian population.

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## Main activities

- BWGCVN organizes an annual symposium for cardiovascular nurses and allied health professionals
- BWGCVN organizes a post-graduate training for heart failure nursing care in collaboration with the Working Group on Heart Failure Nurses
- BWGCVN board members are represented in ACNAP National Societies Meeting, the Science Committee and YoCo
- BWGCVN supports the 'Be Guidelines Smart' project of ACNAP, through the translation of pocket guidelines, development of educational tools and awareness campaigns
- BWGCVN supports scientific research through the BWGCVN Nursing award for scientific/quality improvement project in cardiovascular nursing

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## Conferences & Events

- BWGCVN organizes an annual symposium for cardiovascular nurses and allied health professionals; a Dutch and French symposium are organized separately to give all attendees the possibility to follow the scientific sessions in their mother language.
- BWGCVN organizes Joint Scientific Sessions in collaboration with other working groups and associations (e., Belgian Heart Rhythm Working Group)

## 2. Challenges & barriers among our nursing community



- **Challenge to introduce Evidence-based Practice due to**
  - Language barrier (French/Dutch/English)
  - Limited access to scientific publications
  - Lack of time and resources → short message, brief summary of results, visual presentation
  
- **Implementation of advanced practice nursing roles**
  - New legislation- opportunity to introduce APN roles in cardiovascular care

# 3. Involvement with ACNAP

## Key areas to develop for the nursing community

- We wish to collaborate with ACNAP to further:
  - Strengthen the implementation of EBP in nursing care
  - Support nurses to feel empowered to implement guidelines into their daily care
  - Develop and expand the roles of advanced practice nurses in cardiovascular care

# Get in Touch



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