

National CVD Prevention Coordinators Skills and Assignments

The National CVD Prevention Coordinators are appointed by the Presidents of National Cardiac Societies in the 56 ESC member countries.

- They are in charge of implementing a CVD prevention strategy in their country.
- They work closely with ESC National Guidelines Coordinators, and their National Cardiac Society, for the implementation of the European Guidelines on CVD Prevention in Clinical Practice.

Following the launch of the Heart Health Charter at the European Parliament in Brussels, and with the launch of the 5th Joint Task Force Guidelines on Cardiovascular Prevention in Clinical Practice at EuroPREvent 2012 in Dublin; the role of the National CVD Prevention Coordinators will become increasingly important over the next few months.

The European Association for Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation (EACPR) will be responsible for working directly with the National CVD Prevention Coordinators to oversee the implementation of the CVD Prevention Guidelines.

The National CVD Prevention Coordinator should ideally:

- Be a national authority and reference in preventive cardiology in their country
- Be prepared to represent the National Cardiac Society, and have a close working relationship with its Board.
- Be familiar with the national guidelines development process and procedures and have been involved in the development, publication, promotion and evaluation of previous national recommendations on CVD prevention
- Have basic technical skills (electronic mail and web use)
- Have a good command of the English language (written and spoken)

Role and responsibilities:

- To work closely with the National Cardiac Society and ESC National Guidelines Coordinator to facilitate the endorsement, adaptation, translation and publication of the European Guidelines on CVD Prevention at national level,
- To build a national multi-disciplinary group, involving both health professionals and policy makers, with other relevant partners as appropriate:
 - National societies and organizations active in the field of CVD prevention (general practice, heart foundation, society of hypertension, atherosclerosis, diabetes, internal medicine, stroke, behavioral medicine....whenever those societies are in existence)
 - A senior representative of department of health, health services executive or equivalent.
- To work actively with local Health Authorities to promote the implementation of the European Heart Health Charter initiative in-country
- To coordinate the development of CVD Prevention tools at national level (e.g. to contribute to the development, adaptation and promotion of country-specific or translated version of HeartScore)
- To negotiate CME accreditation of these tools at national level
- To act as a direct and privileged contact with the EACPR for national implementation strategies
- To report on achievements on an annual basis

Duration of Mandate

The National CVD Prevention Coordinator will be appointed for duration of the 5th JTF guidelines on CVD Prevention, starting from 2012, and until its next update (3-4 years)