The AA 2010
Cardiac Update Course – Atrial Fibrillation
A Cardiac Update course for healthcare professionals involved in the management of arrhythmias and stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation

New treatments, new devices and the emerging oral anticoagulants

Update your skills:
Ablation | Implantable devices | New oral treatments | Emerging oral anticoagulants | Syncope guidelines and management

Hilton, Bristol
Friday 19th November 2010
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09.00 – 9.30 Registration

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Welcome and introduction

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09.50 – 10.20
Care pathways in arrhythmia management
- National guidelines and local management
- Who, how and where to refer: the ideal AF service

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Local services need to reflect local needs and deliver good quality care, within the NICE guidelines. How are patients currently being managed and how do we respond to the constant pressure to improve services, throughput and patient demands?

10.20 – 10.50
Cardiac ablation: a technique with increasing success?
- Who are we ablating for AF, and why?
- Outcomes and measures of success for ablation for AF

An overview the increasingly important role of ablation in the management of AF, establishing the principles of identifying appropriate patients, and measuring clinical success in the short and long term.

10.50 – 11.10 Break

11.10 – 12.20
Devices and desires: remote monitoring, implantable loop recorders, occlusion devices
- Principles and practice
- Patient selection

There are now a range of implantable devices for patients. Who are these patients and how to ensure best practice.

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12.20 – 13.00 Lunch

13.00 – 13.30
Pharmacological maintenance of sinus rhythm: an aim in itself for AF patients?
- The role of dronedarone
- Experience to date

The pharmacological management of AF has now changed with the introduction of dronedarone. What impact is dronedarone having on management, and what are our expectations for long term treatment?

13.30 – 14.00
Stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation: whose role is it?
- Emerging oral anticoagulant compounds could change practice dramatically, what is the data telling us?
- GP, nurse, cardiologist or haematologist? Who will lead management?

Review the data for the emerging oral anticoagulants, and their potential impact on your clinical practice. Will new compounds change the management of patients? What will be the role of the specialist?

14.00 – 14.30

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Anticoagulation services: past, present and future
- Planning for change: clinically led or financially led?
- What’s on the commissioning agenda, and how to engage and influence outcomes

The whole management of anticoagulation will change. If clinicians don’t engage with the process, decisions will still be made, and new practices will be introduced. Planning, re-skilling and costs need to be part of local agendas.

15.00 – 15.30
Syncope – beyond guideline management
- Is it time for a new management approach?
- Evaluation and risk stratification

Cardiac, neurological, vasomotor – assessing and diagnosis, and what raises the index of suspicion for more serious underlying causes. European Society of Cardiology guidelines, NICE guidelines how do we incorporate them into local policy and practice?

15.30 Meeting close

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