

# ASA Newsletter Issue 7: June 2022

Dear colleagues,

I am writing to report on the 2022 ASA annual meeting held at the Adelaide Convention Centre last weekend, June 17-19, and to provide some updates on our other activities.

We had a fantastic line-up of speakers from around home and abroad, including the US and Japan. We covered some introductory topics such as medical therapy for secondary prevention and some advanced topics such as biostatistics and white matter hypertensities. Some of our topics were "standard of care" but others covered emerging topics such as left atrial appendage management and the future management of dyslipidemia. And of course we celebrated our research into stroke in First Nations people and care for patients in rural and remote areas. Accordingly we offered these sessions on-site and on-line, attracting dozens of on-line attendees.

Although we had over 100 delegates attend our meeting, we'd like to expand this in 2023. Much of the meeting content is developed for basic and advanced physician trainees, but much of the content is perfect for the modern stroke physician keeping up with current and future practice. We welcome any feedback about the meeting and we're already thinking about how to make it bigger and better in 2023. We are currently exploring holding the meeting in Sydney and plan to revise the meeting timetable to attract a huge on-site audience together with our virtual audience.

In the last few months we have also collaborated with Inside Practice and The Corpus to deliver stroke education to several hundred GPs and to specialist colleagues across Australia in webinars, and we will be collaborating with the Indonesia Stroke Society to deliver the 1st Australasian-Indonesian Joint Stroke Congress virtually, later this year.

Perhaps our most exciting news is the first fruit of our collaboration with the Angels Academy. The **A–Z of Stroke for Basic Physician Trainees (BPTs)** program went 'live' on the Angels Academy in mid-June. These three modules have been designed by a panel of Australian stroke specialists to form a comprehensive introduction to acute stroke practice. The first session is online and self-directed and the second and third are delivered face-to-face (or via live virtual meeting), to be run by stroke specialist colleagues. After completing the modules, trainees will be familiar with management of code stroke and the first 24 hours after stroke. For more information, please see the [Angels Initiative website](#). We thank the Angels Initiative for hosting these materials on their site. Access is free, and membership of the ASA is not required to access the materials and courses. On a personal note, preparing to present the materials provides a great opportunity to revise the science behind our practice, and I would encourage consultant colleagues to strongly consider delivering modules two and three to your junior staff for their benefit and for your own.

## **Accessing the modules:**

- You must be registered and logged in to access the modules. Register for free if you haven't already: [Create new account | Angels Initiative \(angels-initiative.com\)](#)
- Module one: [A-Z of stroke for Basic Physician Trainees \(BPTs\) | Angels LMS \(angels-initiative.com\)](#)
- Slides for modules 2 and 3 (only available to specialists): [Hyperacute resources | Angels Initiative \(angels-initiative.com\)](#)

Thank you all for your support, and please spread the word about the ASA to your colleagues.

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