Founding members of Arrhythmia Alliance – Australia

Dr Gerry Kaye

Dr Kaye is a graduate of Manchester Medical School in the UK. He trained in Cardiology in London and Leeds and was a consultant cardiologist/electrophysiologist in Yorkshire before transferring to the Princess Alexandra Hospital in Brisbane. He has a special interest in ablation for cardiac rhythm disorders, pacemakers and implantable defibrillators.

Mrs Trudie Lobban MBE

Following the founding of STARS in 1993 after her youngest daughter was diagnosed with reflex anoxic seizures (RAS), Trudie Lobban’s success in raising awareness and education of heart rhythm disorders led her to launch Arrhythmia Alliance, The Heart Rhythm Charity in 2004, and the AF Association in 2007. In the same year, STARS-US was founded, due to high demand from patients and medical professionals in the United States.

In 2009, Trudie was made a Member of the British Empire (MBE) in the Queen’s birthday honours list in recognition of her work for her services to healthcare.

Trudie is now recognised as a world expert, co-authoring reports and articles, representing patients and carers, and working internationally with all those involved in the care and treatment of individuals affected by heart rhythm disorders. She has established international partners in more than 40 countries and has been invited to present and participate regionally, nationally and internationally at medical and patient/carer meetings, including the American Autonomic Society, American College of Cardiology, Uruguay Society of Cardiology, World Congress of Cardiology, World Society of Arrhythmias, Venice Arrhythmias, and the European Society of Cardiology.

Arrhythmia Alliance - Australia www.aa-au.org has been launched to respond to the growing number of enquiries from patients, carers and healthcare professionals in the country. The organisation’s newest affiliate is the AF Association Australia www.atrialfibrillation-au.org.

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