

Working together to improve the diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for all those affected by arrhythmias

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PROFESSOR NICK LINKER BECOMES AN ARRHYTHMIA ALLIANCE TRUSTEE



Arrhythmia Alliance is pleased to announce that Professor Nick Linker has joined the Board of Trustees for Arrhythmia Alliance. Professor Linker will add invaluable knowledge and experience regarding cardiovascular health. He is a Consultant Cardiologist and Electrophysiologist at James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough and was elected Honorary Secretary of the British Cardiovascular Society. Professor Linker was also a programme director for Heart Rhythm Congress from 2006 to 2014, an annual international scientific meeting which is a venture with Arrhythmia Alliance. He has developed guidelines on MR scanning in patients with cardiac devices, peri-operative management of cardiac devices and end of life care pathways for cardiac device patients.

Arrhythmia Alliance is a UK registered charity with an international outreach. Arrhythmia Alliance is a coalition of patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, organisations including non-profits and medical societies and allied professionals. Although these groups remain independent however they work together under the A-A umbrella to promote timely and effective detection, diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for all those affected by arrhythmias and atrial fibrillation (AF). Since 2004, A-A has continued to grow into an international organisation, reaching across the globe to promote awareness of heart rhythm disorders and to ensure that the patient is at the centre of health care.

Professor Linker states, 'It was an honour for me to be asked by Trudie to consider becoming a Trustee for the Arrhythmia Alliance. I have worked with A-A on many projects over the years, since its inception. A-A has grown to become the premier patient voice for people with heart rhythm problems and has developed into a worldwide organisation representing patients' needs. A-A has lobbied for, and achieved, many improvements in arrhythmia patients' care and continues to work strenuously in this area. I hope I can bring my experience and enthusiasm to A-A and support the great work this organisation undertakes.'

Founder & Trustee, Trudie Lobban MBE, welcomed Prof Linker as the latest member to join the Board of Trustees stating, 'having worked alongside Nick on numerous projects, witnessed first hand his dedication, professionalism and commitment to improving patient outcomes it is an honour that he is joining the Board of Trustees of Arrhythmia Alliance. His knowledge, experience and expertise will be an excellent addition to ensure A-A continues to reach the millions of patients and their carers suffering with arrhythmias to ensure quicker access to treatment thereby helping to restore the patient back to as healthy a life as possible. With the addition of Professor Linker to the board, Arrhythmia Alliance will continue to fulfil its' mission to improve the diagnosis, treatment and quality of life of those affected by arrhythmias.

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Arrhythmia Alliance

Arrhythmia Alliance, are global advocates, working in partnership to reduce deaths and impact on individuals caused by cardiac arrhythmias and their associated morbidities. Approaching 100,000 people in the UK die each year as a result of a treatable but undetected heart rhythm disorder. By raising awareness and campaigning for the improved detection and care of heart rhythm disorders, Arrhythmia Alliance aims to extend and improve the lives of the millions around the world that these conditions affect. A-A is dedicated to raising awareness, providing information and support; improving education for the public, patients, healthcare professionals and healthcare policy makers. This is achieved through collaboration, delivering medically approved educational resources for patients and HCP's and awareness campaigns. A-A organises World Heart Rhythm Week the first week on June annually and Global AF Aware Week, third week of November annually. Visit website www.hearhythmalliance.org

- A cardiac arrhythmia is the medical term for an irregular heartbeat or abnormal heart rhythm.