



## Anticoagulation Achievement Awards

**11 October 2017**

**The inaugural award ceremony for the prestigious Anticoagulation Achievement Awards was hosted by Andrew Gwynne MP and Chair of the All Party Group for Thrombosis, in the Terrace Pavilion, House of Commons on Wednesday 11 October.**

Held as part of the celebrations for World Thrombosis Day – a global movement to reduce the leading cause of preventable cardiovascular death.

World Thrombosis Day is a year-long campaign that takes place on 13 October and focuses attention on the underappreciated condition of thrombosis.

1 in 4 people worldwide die of conditions caused by blood clots, also known by the medical term “thrombosis”– the underlying cause of the world’s top three cardiovascular killers: heart attack, stroke and venous thromboembolism (VTE).

The awards, celebrating outstanding practice in the management, education and provision of anticoagulation across the UK, finalists were selected from entries spanning the six categories:

- Prevention of Hospital Acquired Thrombosis
- Best implantation of NICE Quality Standards in AF
- Prevention of Cancer Associated Thrombosis
- Best Thrombosis Management Centre
- Best written patient information
- Patient nominated award

Organisers of the awards, representing leading charities – Anticoagulation UK, AF Association, Thrombosis UK and Arrhythmia Alliance, AiP national training establishment and Thrombus medical journal, were delighted that this first year had already attracted a great deal of interest and applications from exceptional services.

“There is overwhelming clinical evidence, embedded in approved national guidelines, to support prevention, protection and improved patient outcomes and experience.

“We hope these awards will not only recognize the outstanding work of the medical centres, teams and individuals involved, but also act as a learning resource for others.”

The winning entries from each category received their awards at the House of Commons

reception and were awarded a £1000 bursary, which will be used to aid continuous improvement of services to patients in this area of clinical practice.

- **Best Comprehensive Thrombosis Management Centre** – *GP Care NHS Community DVT Service Bristol*
- **Best written advice on anticoagulation therapy for patients and carers** – *Wessex Academic Scientific Health Network - Starting Anticoagulation with Jack*
- **The centre best able to demonstrate adherence to NICE Quality Standards for atrial fibrillation** - *West of England Academic Health Science Network - Don't Wait to Anticoagulate, preventing strokes amongst patients with atrial fibrillation*
- **Best work in the prevention of hospital acquired thrombosis (HAT)** - *Department of Surgery, Surgery & Cancer Clinical Services Centre, Portsmouth Hospital NHS Trust – Patient up safety award*
- **Best work in the prevention of cancer acquired thrombosis (CAT)** - *Hull & East Yorkshire Hospitals Trust (HEYHT) - Nurse led pathway for management of incidental pulmonary embolism/vte in cancer patients*
- **Special Patient Nominated Award** - Karine Maddock

Full details of finalists and award winners is available: [www.anticoagulationawards.org](http://www.anticoagulationawards.org)

Details of entry dates for the 2018 Anticoagulation Achievement Awards will be published on the website later this month.

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### **About Anticoagulation Achievement Awards (AAA)**

The Anticoagulation Achievement Awards recognize outstanding practice in the delivery of anticoagulation services across the UK. Hosted by leading charities, Anticoagulation UK, AF Association, Thrombosis UK, Arrhythmia Alliance and leading training establishments – Anticoagulation in practice and Thrombus. The awards invite applications from teams and individuals across secondary, primary and community services who can demonstrate innovation and excellence in delivering anticoagulation services, resources or individual leadership. The awards offer a £1000 bursary to the winner of each category.

AAA is a not-for-profit national award scheme dedicated to shining a light on UK anticoagulation services that deliver exemplary care. Unrestricted educational grants to support the awards

have been received from Bayer HealthCare, Roche Diagnostics and LumiraDX.  
For further information: [www.anticoagulationawards.org](http://www.anticoagulationawards.org)

### **About Venous Thromboembolism (VTE)**

VTE is a condition in which blood clots form (most often) in the deep veins of the leg (known as deep vein thrombosis, DVT) and can travel in the circulation and lodge in the lungs (known as pulmonary embolism, PE). VTE is a life-threatening but often preventable condition that affects millions of people worldwide.<sup>1</sup>

### **About Atrial Fibrillation (AF)**

Atrial fibrillation (AF) is a type of irregular heartbeat. It is the most common heart rhythm abnormality in the UK and if it is not managed properly, can increase the risk of having a stroke by five times.

### **About World Thrombosis Day**

Launched in 2014 and held annually on 13 October, World Thrombosis Day (WTD) aims to increase public, healthcare professional and health care systems' awareness of thrombosis and, ultimately, to reduce deaths and disabilities from thromboembolic disease through a greater awareness of its causes, risk factors, signs and symptoms, and evidence-based prevention and treatment.

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