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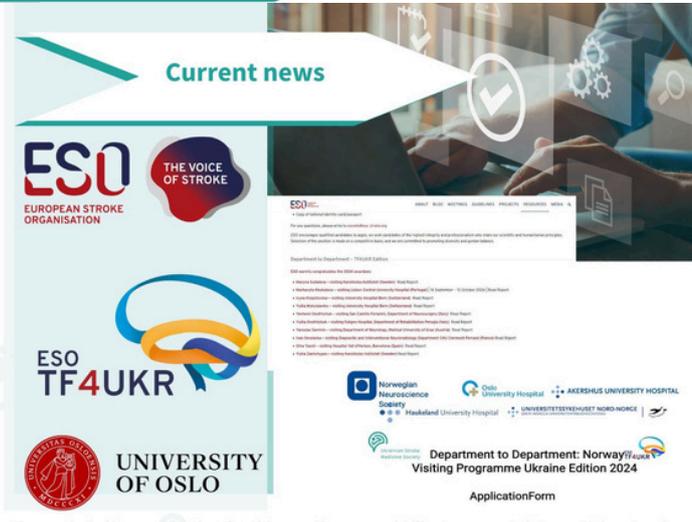
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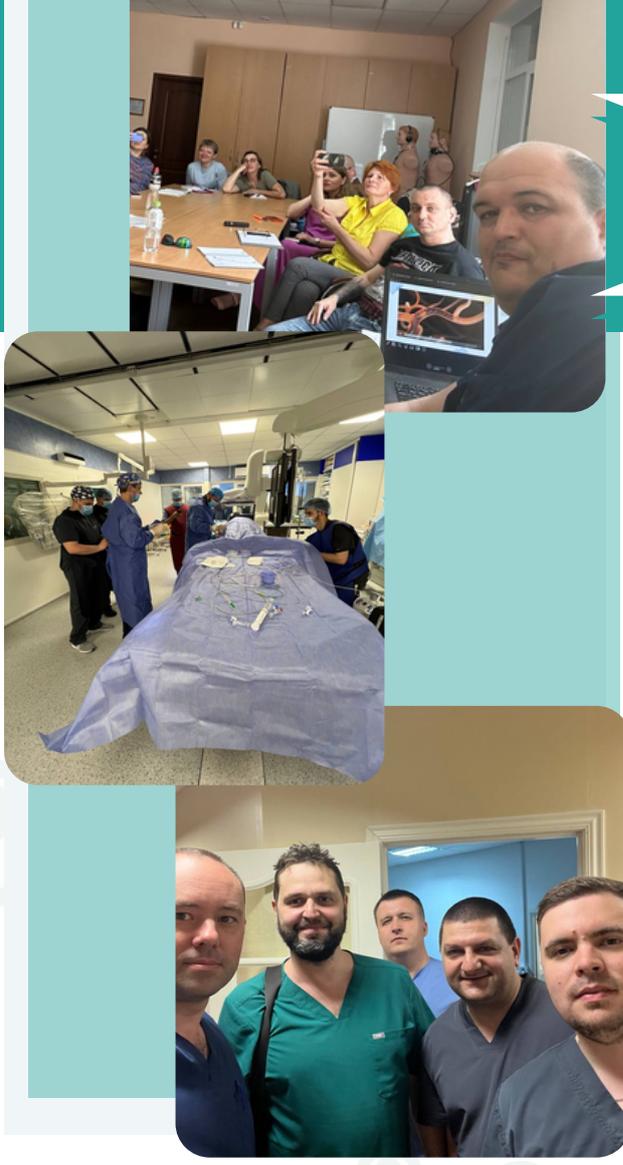
In June 2023, we shared with you the first issue of our Digest, where we wrote about the main events and activities of our Society for the month. We are pleased that the idea resonated with community members, and that for a year now, we have been summarizing our events, achievements, news, and cases every month, providing yet another format for communicating with our audience.

June 2024 was full of events and educational projects. Additionally, a new standard for ischemic stroke was recently approved, so in this issue, we will summarize the events that will impact the further development of stroke services in Ukraine.

So, at the beginning of June, another two-week thematic improvement course was completed, which is regularly held at the Sklifosovsky Regional Clinical Hospital in Poltava.

The training focused on the management of acute stroke, and during the course, participants had the opportunity to address issues related to the organization of stroke services at all stages—from administrative and regulatory aspects, routing, and diagnostic-therapeutic approaches, to patient management in the post-stroke period according to secondary prevention recommendations and collaboration with colleagues from various specialties at all levels and stages.

Additionally, this month, a two-week specialized school on endovascular treatment of ischemic stroke took place. Since the implementation of this project, this is the 5th training held at the Mechnikov Regional Clinical Hospital in Dnipro under the guidance of Yuriy Cherednychenko.



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The training course program is designed for participants who have already mastered basic skills in endovascular medicine, have experience, and wish to improve their level.

During the training, participants attend lectures and seminars on theoretical issues, as well as a practical part where, through simulation and practical training, trainees practice neurointervention techniques using an endovascular simulator and flow models. They also study the techniques and instruments corresponding to intervention algorithms.

This time, over 35 interventions were performed during the school. Trainees actively participated in the ongoing work process, including diagnostics, strategy selection, case discussions, and patient management.

Such a regular training format provides an opportunity to develop a professional network across the country, exchange experiences, support colleagues, analyze cases, and improve the overall quality of stroke care in Ukraine.

The next courses are planned for August, which will also be a specialized school held at the Mechnikov Regional Clinical Hospital in Dnipro. We invite doctors with experience in endovascular treatment of stroke patients to join the training. Traditionally, the announcement about the opening of applications will appear on our social media pages on Telegram, Instagram, and Facebook, so stay tuned for our updates. Please note that only 7 doctors will be selected to participate in the training.

The next training courses at the Sklifosovsky Regional Clinical Hospital in Poltava are planned for September. The schedule can be found on our website in the "Learning Opportunities" section - For Doctors.



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As in previous years, the Society's annual conference took place in June. However, unlike in 2023, this year we moved away from the online format. The three-day meeting gathered more than 300 participants and 50 speakers from various parts of Ukraine.

Since stroke is an issue that concerns not only neurologists, and patients at different stages of the disease encounter various specialists from the multidisciplinary team, the concept of the event was built around parallel scientific sessions. These sessions focused on topics grouped according to specific specialties related to different aspects of stroke medicine.

So, these included sessions with a focus on diagnostic strategies and discussions on the choice of treatment approaches. There were joint sessions with the Ukrainian Association of Neurosurgeons, cardiologists, anesthesiologists, and specialists in physical and rehabilitation medicine. The general sessions covered current issues of routing and organization of stroke services, discussions on regulatory documentation and the latest updates, as well as the results of major clinical studies presented at ESOC 2024.

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Key issues in implementing new approaches in the development of stroke services remain aspects of post-stroke patient management and monitoring the quality of stroke care. Therefore, a perspective on future prospects was presented by an invited speaker who had experienced a stroke, along with colleagues who have incorporated support and follow-up for such patients into their practical experience.

The audience was particularly captivated by Thanh Nguyen's presentation, President of SVIN, specially recorded for the Society's 3rd annual conference, as well as the lecture by Professor Julius Ptasekas.

In addition to scientific sessions, where we aimed to cover current issues in stroke care at various stages and levels of implementation, practical simulation training sessions were also conducted. These included neurointerventional skills, ultrasound diagnostics, and clinical case discussions.

During the joint session with Angels Initiative, possibilities and the necessity of analyzing the work of stroke departments using the RES-Q registry were discussed. Clinical case discussions included experiences from individual institutions that have successfully developed progressive stroke departments. There were presentations on neurointerventional experiences, opportunities for training and development of young specialists, and discussions on controversial issues.

In conclusion, we thank RIMON for organization of the event; it was a successfully implemented an offline event for such intensive and rich learning and communication with colleagues from different regions of Ukraine.

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On June 20, the "Ischemic Stroke" medical care standard was approved, and on June 26, the Ministry of Health of Ukraine published order No. 1070 on its website. In our regulatory documentation governing the activities of stroke services, this standard holds the highest authority and is mandatory for compliance regarding the adherence to stroke care quality criteria.

As everyone knows, until now, order No. 602 dated August 3, 2012 remained in effect despite being recognized as outdated, which created grounds for debates regarding different approaches, especially from a legal standpoint, towards stroke patients. Therefore, the introduction of a standard based on American recommendations and incorporating the latest data from the best global practices will have a significant impact on updating requirements for stroke services in the future.

The sections regulating reperfusion therapy have been expanded based on studies such as WAKE-UP, DAWN, and DEFUSE3, which previously existed in our regulatory framework as clinical guidelines. This document covers quality criteria at all stages of stroke care, from service organization to palliative treatment.

Just a reminder, the management of post-stroke patients is governed by the Secondary Prevention Standard of 2022 (approved by order No. 1167 dated November 2, 2022). As of today, some aspects of stroke care contracting remain relevant and open to discussion. However, our patients now have increased chances of receiving reperfusion therapy within the current standard, without the uncertainties that were present in previous regulatory documents.

The challenges facing the stroke service in fully implementing the document will ultimately justify these changes, as such an approach will lead to achieving SAP-E goals, significantly improving the accessibility and quality of stroke care in our country. Given the increasing trend in reperfusion rates over recent years, we are confident that continuing education for our specialists, collaboration with international communities in stroke medicine, and the development of regulatory frameworks provide every opportunity for substantial progress in advancing stroke services in Ukraine.

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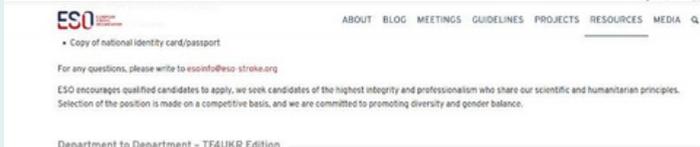


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- Meryna Gulaleieva – visiting Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) Read Report
- Matharyta Kholodova – visiting Lisbon Central University Hospital (Portugal) | 16 September - 15 October 2024 | Read Report
- Iryna Klopotowska – visiting University Hospital Bern (Switzerland) Read Report
- Yulia Mykolajenko – visiting University Hospital Bern (Switzerland) Read Report
- Yevhenii Onofrichuk – visiting San Camillo Forlanini, Department of Neurosurgery (Italy) Read Report
- Yulia Onofrichuk – visiting Foligno Hospital, Department of Rehabilitation Perugia (Italy) Read Report
- Yaroslav Saminin – visiting Department of Neurology, Medical University of Graz (Austria) Read Report
- Ivan Smolanka – visiting Diagnostic and Interventional Neuroradiology Department CHU Clermont-Ferrand (France) Read Report
- Olya Yasnil – visiting Hospital Vall d'Herbon, Barcelona (Spain) Read Report
- Yulia Zashchypas – visiting Karolinska Institutet (Sweden) Read Report



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To conclude the news review for this month, we would like to congratulate participants who had the opportunity to visit leading stroke departments in Europe through the Department to Department Visit Program for Ukrainian doctors, organized for the second consecutive year by the TF4UKR working group from ESO. We are pleased to see the continued active participation of our Society members in such programs; similarly to last year, 8 out of 10 candidates who received positive responses were members of our community.

The application deadline for another training program has closed on June 30, as previously announced, through which 8 pairs of doctors and nurses will have the chance to visit stroke departments in Norway. We eagerly await the selection results to congratulate our colleagues.

On behalf of the committee, we express our gratitude to the TF4UKR working group, especially Professor Sandset and all active colleagues. The interest and professional growth aspirations of our specialists receive a positive response in Europe, and through such collaboration, we have excellent opportunities for exchanging experiences and strengthening communications with the global community.

We build up stroke care together!