




GIVING *life*
A CHANCE.

JOIN NOW AND LEAVE YOUR LEGACY.



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TOGETHER
WE CAN SAVE
100,000
*lives**

* Death & disability

LEAVE YOUR *legacy*

IN EUROPE, EVERY 30 MINUTES
A STROKE PATIENT WHO COULD
HAVE BEEN SAVED,

DIES

OR IS PERMANENTLY DISABLED
BECAUSE THEY WERE TREATED IN
THE WRONG HOSPITAL.

The Angels Initiative is changing this.

The mission is simple: to increase the number of stroke ready hospitals and to continue optimising the standard of treatment in all existing stroke centres. This means building a community of stroke centres and stroke ready hospitals, and implementing evidence-based medicine in everyday clinical practice.

Join us, and together we can achieve the goals of the Stroke Action Plan for Europe: treating 90% or more of patients in a stroke unit as the first level of care, and guaranteeing access to recanalisation therapies to 95% of eligible patients.

JOIN THE ANGELS INITIATIVE TODAY. THIS IS YOUR LEGACY.

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ANGELS *consultants*



WHETHER YOU NEED ASSISTANCE
WITH STAFF TRAINING AND
EDUCATION, A GAME-CHANGING
QUALITY ASSURANCE IDEA, OR A
BREAKTHROUGH IN ORGANISING
YOUR STROKE PATHWAY, THE ANGELS
CONSULTANTS WILL STRIVE TO

HELP YOU ACHIEVE

AND MAINTAIN EXCELLENCE IN
TREATING STROKE.

Angels Consultants are available to support you on your journey to improve the quality of treatment for stroke patients. They are professional, passionate and fully committed to helping you optimise your stroke care.

The consultants follow agile project management principles and aim for quality, speed and measurable results by standardising processes and eliminating clutter.

Their interactions with hospitals across Europe equip them with a perspective on stroke care that is an invaluable asset to your project.

MEET YOUR ANGELS CONSULTANT TODAY.

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Standardisation



THE STROKE BAG LETS YOU
CARRY ALL THE MEDICATION,
TOOLS AND PROTOCOLS YOU NEED
WITH YOU, SO THAT YOU CAN

TREAT ACUTE STROKE PATIENTS IN THE CT IMAGING ROOM

Adopting evidence-based medicine into everyday clinical practice requires standardisation of treatment protocols. These protocols need to be user-friendly and easy to implement.

Your team will agree that the way we present the evidence-based protocols means even inexperienced staff can treat your stroke patients with confidence.

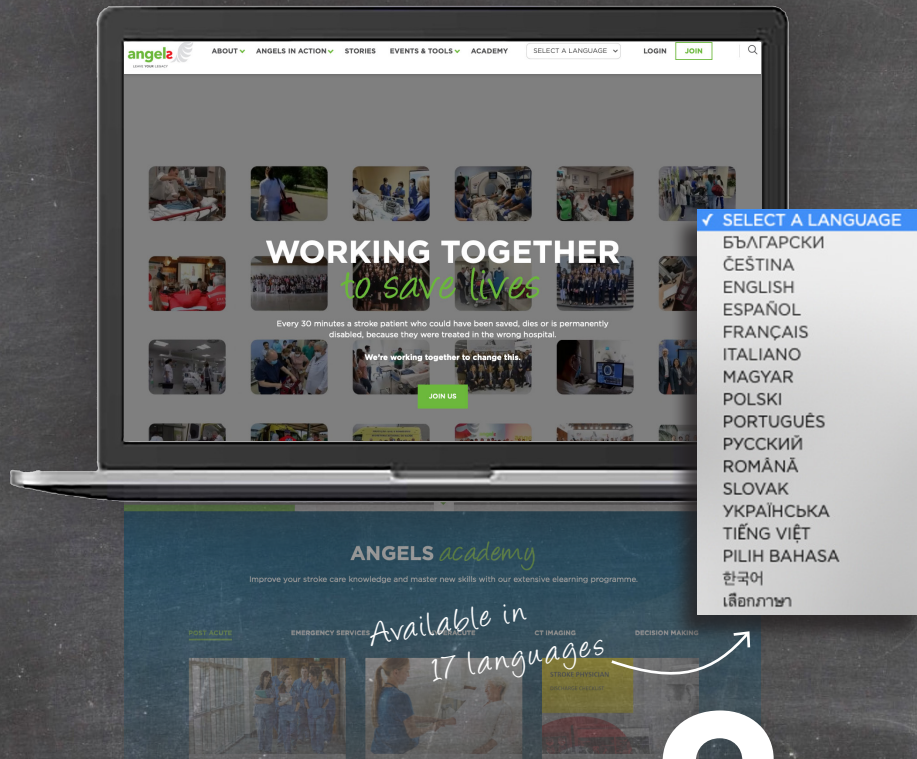
The Angels stroke bag supports standardised processes, saving time and improving outcomes.

JOIN THE ANGELS INITIATIVE TO RECEIVE YOUR STROKE BAG.

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Academy



THE ANGELS ACADEMY IS DESIGNED TO

INSPIRE & EMPOWER

YOUR TEAM BY PROVIDING A STATE-OF-THE-ART PLATFORM FOR LEARNING AND REFINING THE SKILLS NEEDED TO TREAT STROKE PATIENTS.

THE ANGELS ACADEMY CURRICULUM IS DESIGNED TO HELP HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS INCLUDING DOCTORS, NURSES AND PREHOSPITAL TEAMS IMPROVE THE STANDARD OF CARE THEY PROVIDE TO STROKE PATIENTS. YOUR TEAM CAN LEARN AT THEIR OWN PACE WHEN AND WHERE IT SUITS THEM, RECEIVE TRAINING-RELATED NOTIFICATIONS AND PROMPTS TO GUIDE AND ACCELERATE THEIR TRAINING JOURNEY, AND TRACK THEIR PROGRESS ON THEIR PERSONAL DASHBOARD.

Angels Academy courses are available in five categories

CT IMAGING

Improve therapeutic decision making through a standardised approach to CT interpretation using the interactive Angels WOW CT Training tool.

DECISION MAKING

Master a four-step approach to improve the quality and consistency of treatment decisions in the hyperacute phase, and practice and optimise clinical reasoning and decision-making skills using Body Interact, a virtual patient simulator using real-world clinical scenarios.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

Become proficient in basic prehospital stroke care and learn how to save a life in four steps. Discover how to structure and set up a relationship between hospital and EMS teams and enrol your team in Advanced Stroke Life Support (ASLS), the premier eLearning course for stroke education for emergency medical teams.

HYPERACUTE

Streamline and standardise your stroke protocols using a quick interactive tool based on four key priority actions in the hyperacute phase, and refresh your knowledge of the NIHSS clinical assessment tool to evaluate stroke severity.

POST ACUTE

Stroke nurse certification is earned by completing all 20 modules in Stroke Basics for Nurses. Additional training focuses on how dysphagia screening reduces mortality in stroke and how the discharge checklist standardises post-stroke evaluation and ensures that patient discharge proceeds within guideline recommendations.

Learning resources: The training journey is supported and enriched by a comprehensive menu of learning resources that include panel discussions, expert presentations, training videos and checklists.

Speaker resources: For those responsible for educating others about stroke, the Angels Academy provides a comprehensive list of slides, videos and other media to maximise the impact of your training.

START YOUR LEARNING PROGRAM TODAY.

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Community



EVERYONE IN THE ANGELS
COMMUNITY HAS

THE SAME GOAL,

TO GIVE PATIENTS A SECOND
CHANCE AT LIFE BY OPTIMISING
STROKE CARE. ANGELS MEMBERS
DON'T JUST SUPPORT THIS GOAL,
THEY ARE PASSIONATE ABOUT
ACHIEVING IT.

The Angels community is a place where you will find more. More support, more ideas, more sharing and ultimately better results.

On our website you can access thought-provoking perspectives and inspiring stroke care stories from around the world. These are stories that capture the human side of stroke as well as provide insights about stroke treatment. These shared experiences serve to inspire, educate, motivate and connect the global stroke community.

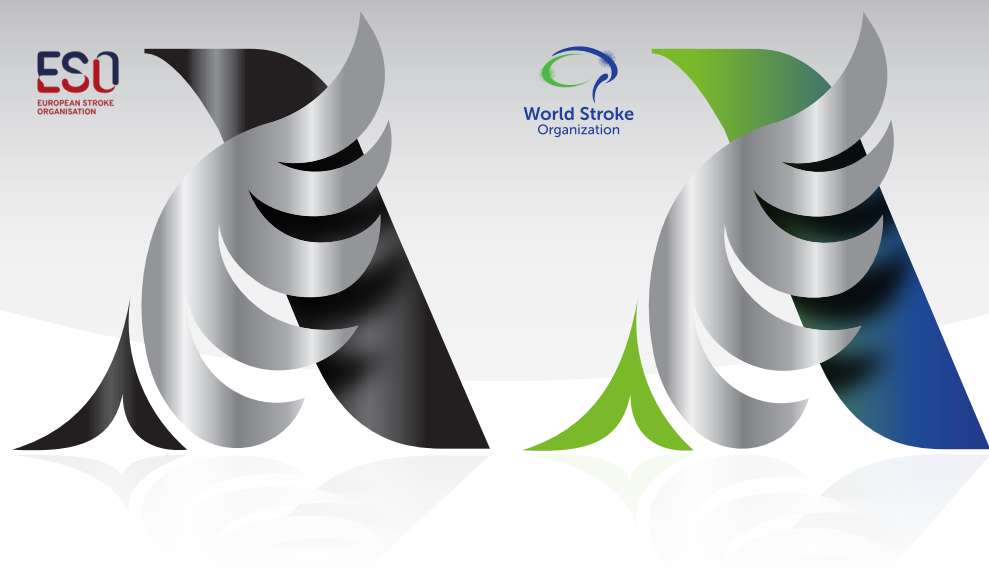
The Angels Initiative offers its members on- and offline opportunities to be part of this growing community of stroke ready hospitals across the world.

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Recognition



THE ESO & WSO ANGELS
AWARDS ARE DESIGNED TO

ACKNOWLEDGE & HONOUR

TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS
COMMITTED TO QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT IN STROKE
PRACTICE, AND TO ESTABLISH
A CULTURE OF CONTINUED
MONITORING.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Hospitals become eligible for an ESO or WSO Angels Award if they capture treatment data in RES-Q, SITS-QR or in one of the pre-approved registries/databases and submit a quarterly report summarising their performance. Hospitals are evaluated based on criteria that align with ESO and WSO quality measures.

Based on your performance in these different measures, your hospital may be awarded Gold, Platinum or Diamond Status.

THE TIER SYSTEM

	GOLD STATUS	PLATINUM STATUS	DIAMOND STATUS
% of ischaemic stroke patients treated with door to needle time ≤ 60 minutes	50%	75%	75%
% of ischaemic stroke patients treated with door to needle time ≤ 45 minutes		<50%	50%
% of ischaemic stroke patients treated with door to groin time ≤ 120 minutes	50%	75%	75%
% of ischaemic stroke patients treated with door to groin time ≤ 90 minutes		<50%	50%
% recanalisation procedure rate out of total ischaemic incidence	5%	15%	25%
% of all suspected stroke patients undergoing CT/MR imaging procedure	80%	85%	90%
% of all stroke patients undergoing dysphagia screening	80%	85%	90%
% of non-atrial fib ischaemic/TIA stroke patients prescribed antithrombotics at discharge	80%	85%	90%
% of atrial fib ischaemic/TIA stroke patients prescribed anticoagulants at discharge	80%	85%	90%
Stroke patients treated in a dedicated stroke unit or ICU during their hospital stay			YES

THE AWARDS

When your hospital qualifies for an award you will receive materials that make it easy to share your achievement with your community. Diamond Status hospitals are recognised at annual regional conferences attended by leading experts in the field.

EMS AWARDS

The Angels Awards programme has been extended to recognise excellence in prehospital stroke care, encourage quality monitoring and promote data-driven improvement in the prehospital phase. Ask your Angels Consultant for more information about the EMS Angels Awards.

ENTER THE ESO & WSO ANGELS AWARDS TODAY.

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THE ANGELS *mission*

ESO
EUROPEAN STROKE
ORGANISATION

VALERIA CASO PAST PRESIDENT OF THE EUROPEAN STROKE ORGANISATION, ON THE ANGELS MISSION, AND WHY WE NEED **YOU** TO BE PART OF IT.

“ EVERY 30 MINUTES A STROKE PATIENT WHO COULD HAVE BEEN SAVED, DIES OR IS LEFT PERMANENTLY DISABLED, NOT JUST BECAUSE OF THE STROKE, BUT BECAUSE HE OR SHE HAD BEEN TREATED IN THE WRONG HOSPITAL. LESS THAN A THIRD OF STROKE PATIENTS IN EUROPE ARE TREATED IN DEDICATED STROKE CENTRES. THIS MEANS THOUSANDS OF PATIENTS FAIL TO GET THE SPECIALIST CARE THEY URGENTLY NEED. WE NEED TO CHANGE THIS!

OUR VISION

IS FOR STROKE PATIENTS TO RECEIVE
THE SAME LEVEL OF
TREATMENT
WHEREVER THEY LIVE IN EUROPE.

Without proper care, hundreds of thousands of stroke patients will not celebrate their next birthday. Thousands of children will never get to hear a bedtime story told the way only a grandparent can. Scores of families will spend the holiday season without a loved one.

We believe there's a better way. **BUT WE NEED YOU!**

We know from experience that we must focus on two things to achieve our vision. First, we need to increase the number of stroke ready hospitals so that more patients have access to the specialist care they need. Second, we need to optimise the quality of treatment in all existing stroke centres.

But we can't do it without the help of the European stroke community. That is why we need you to become part of this mission.

So, if you work in an existing stroke centre and want recognition for the quality of your treatment, or if you want to make your hospital stroke ready, please register with the Angels Initiative so we can provide you with the support you need.

I want there to be no doubt about the effectiveness of this programme ... it works.

Setting up a new stroke centre or maintaining the high standards expected of a team of specialists is a complex task. Our committee of experts have created a set of tools to help you every step of the way, while a dedicated Angels task force will support you in implementing it. We can assist by helping to train your staff through the Angels Academy, by equipping your hospital with almost everything you need to treat acute stroke in one stroke kit, by welcoming you into the Angels Community, giving you a platform for more support, more ideas and more sharing, and by recognising your achievements through the ESO Angels Awards programme. Everything we do is designed to inspire and empower you and, most importantly, to give those patients a second chance at life.

Take a moment to think about what your world would look like if this goal were achieved.

We will celebrate the number of hospitals that have joined. We will celebrate the lives we have saved. We will celebrate the fact that we managed to institutionalise new standards of care that will continue to save lives and improve patient outcomes into the future.

This is your legacy. The names of the patients whose lives we have saved can never be known, but we know that as a result of this project more mothers and fathers will attend graduations and weddings, and more grandchildren will know their grandparents.

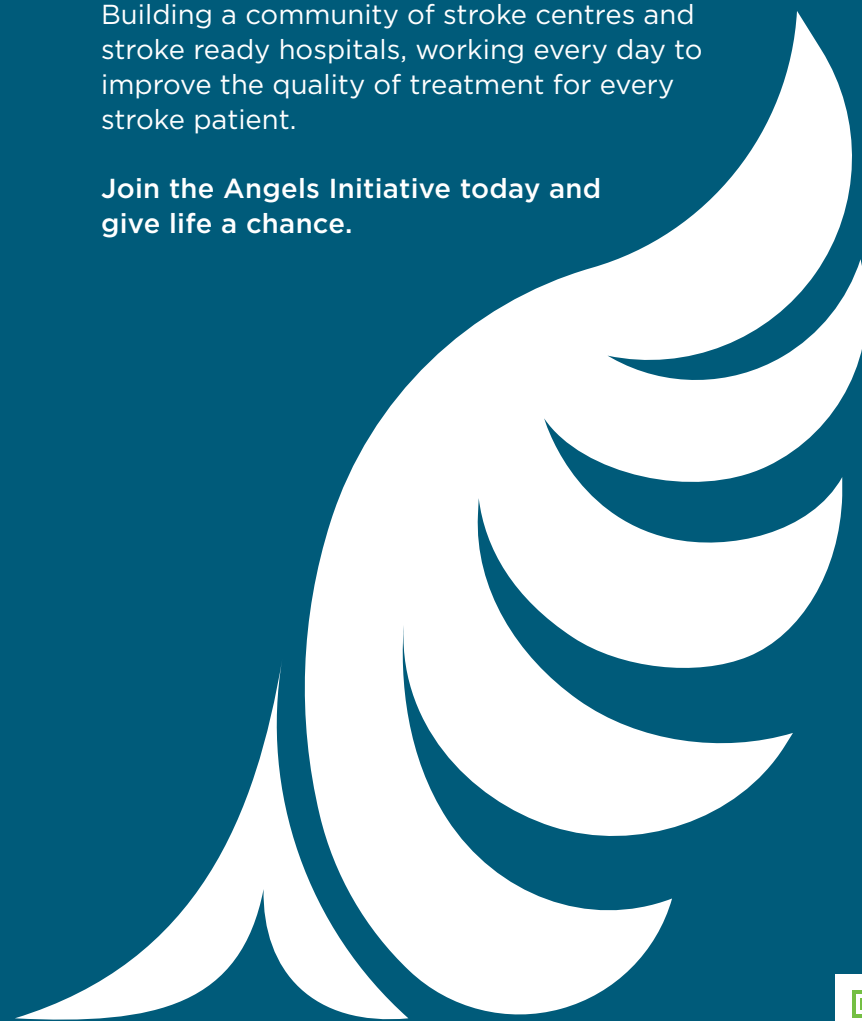
Life is full of wonderful opportunities that ought to be experienced.

JOIN THE ANGELS INITIATIVE TODAY, AND MAKE THIS YOUR LEGACY.

THE ANGELS INITIATIVE

Building a community of stroke centres and stroke ready hospitals, working every day to improve the quality of treatment for every stroke patient.

Join the Angels Initiative today and give life a chance.



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