



ACNAP

Association of Cardiovascular
Nursing & Allied Professions

Swiss Working Group for Cardiovascular Nurses and Allied Professionals (AG-KAPT)

AG-KAPT is one of 12 working groups of the Swiss Society of Cardiology (SSC)

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Mission and objectives

Aim

Maintain professional interactions/communication

Support training and research for nurses and allied professionals in the field of Cardiology with the goal to improve the care provided to cardiac patients and their family members

Objectives

- Promote/contact/communication/networking between members
- Provide information on cardiovascular nursing topics or ACNAP initiatives
- Encourage education and research (Annual Congress) to support best practices in the clinical area
- Develop and maintain specialist cardiovascular nursing groups (Interest groups)
- Maintain national and international collaborations

Membership

AG-KAPT membership 2020: 320

Main Activities

- Create nursing programme for the annual congress
- Support abstract submissions and abstract review
- Exchange ideas, knowledge and experiences between members
- Coordinate and support the three Interest groups
- Collaboration with national and international groups
- Participation and presentation of our research results at congresses
- Maintaining our website



Conferences & Events 2021

January: Wintermeeting Heartfailure with participation of members of the IG HF

April: Case Discussion, online meeting of the IG Congenital Heart Disease

June: SSC Annual Meeting, including the full day AG-KAPT nursing programme
and working group annual general assembly

August: Full-day Meeting of the IG Heartfailure – education, networking and annual
general assembly

September: Heartfailure D-A-CH meeting in Zurich/Switzerland including a full day
nursing programme

November: Congenital Heart Network Day for patients and health professionals (IG CHD)

November: Swiss Rhythm Congress incl. Hands-on Training (IG Rhythmologie)

Challenges & barriers within our nursing community

- Increased workload
- Same people participating in numerous cardiovascular nursing groups (Academic Society of Cardiovascular Nursing, ACNAP, AEPC, ISACHD etc)
- Recruiting new people for the board (no physical exchange/no face-to-face meetings)
- 2020/2021. Financial Limitation due to Covid 19 (less sponsors)
- Keeping track of members
- Language barriers (French, German, Italian regions in Switzerland)



- Highly dedicated board members
- Innovative Interest groups
- Long-term sponsors
- Close collaboration with SSC
- New (virtual) formats for education/communication

Key areas to develop for the nursing community

- Regular participation during National Conference Calls
- Increase participation in ACNAP initiatives (share our partnership with ACNAP)
- Communicate the efforts and opportunities that ACNAP offers to our members
- Work within the language barriers, attracting members from all parts of the country
- Integrate research into practice (meetings, webinars, informational letters)

- Support cardiovascular research and member participation at ACNAP congresses (time conflict)
- Working Group Congenital heart Disease ;)

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