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UPDATE ON SUDDEN CARDIAC DEATH 2025

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Dear colleagues and friends,

We warmly welcome you to the first edition of the **Update on Sudden Cardiac Death**, organized by the German Heart Center of the Charité, the European Heart Rhythm Association and the European Society of Cardiology, as part of the PROFID project.

Sudden cardiac death represents one of the greatest challenges in medicine. It is the leading cause of death accounting for around 20% of all deaths in Europe - a fact that highlights the importance of continued research, education, and international collaboration.

On November 28 and 29, 2025, a unique gathering of international key opinion leaders, dedicated professionals, researchers, and clinicians will take place in the heart of Germany's capital, Berlin. Together, we share the commitment to improve our understanding, prevention, and management of sudden cardiac death.

Through the exchange of cutting-edge knowledge, clinical experience, and emerging research, we aim to foster a meaningful dialogue and promote real progress in improving patients' care. This meeting offers a unique opportunity to gain insights into the latest clinical trials, innovative strategies, and future directions, driven by our shared mission to translate science into better outcomes for our patients.

Thank you for joining us!
We wish you two inspiring days in Berlin.



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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 28.11.2025

- 13:00 – 13:15** **Welcome and Introduction**
G. Hindricks / N. Dagres / H. Pürerfellner
- 13:15 – 14:00** **Risk stratification for sudden cardiac death after myocardial infarction: Were to go after PROFID?**
Chairs: J. Merino, C. Gale
It is futile to keep searching for reliable stratification markers - J.C. Nielsen
We must continue, but employing new approaches - V. Kutiyifa
- 14:00 – 15:00** **Current trials in the field of primary prevention ICD implantation. Potential and challenges**
Chairs: B. Merkely, M. Taborsky
PROFID EHRA N. Dagres
CONTEMP-ICD E. Behr
SMART-DEF C. de Chillou
DILEMMA S. Boveda
- 15:00 – 16:00** **DISCUSSION ROUND: Challenges in primary prevention ICD trials and how to cope with them.**
Moderators: G. Hindricks, B. Merkely
C. de Chillou, N. Dagres, C. Gale, V. Kutiyifa, R. Lenarczyk, E. Marijon, J.C. Nielsen, A. Parwani, M. Taborsky
- 16:00 - 16:30** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 16:30 – 17:30** **Novel approaches for risk stratification for sudden cardiac death in structural heart disease**
Chairs: J. Tfelt-Hansen, P. Schwartz
Artificial intelligence: is there sufficient evidence? - F. Tjong
Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging: potentials and limitations - F. Leyva
Genetics: has the time come? -H. Tan
- 17:30 – 18:30** **DISCUSSION ROUND: Do novel risk stratification approaches for sudden cardiac death in structural heart disease have the potential to bring the change?**
Moderators: J. Kalman, S. Boveda
F. Braunschweig, W. Haverkamp, F. Hohendanner, F. Leyva, I. Roca-Luque, H. Tan, J. Tfelt-Hansen, F. Tjong
- 18:30 – 19:00** **Chair: H. Tan**
Prediction and prevention of SCD in the general population - E. Marijon

PROGRAM

SATURDAY, 29.11.2025

- 09:00 - 10:30** **Novelties and challenges in ventricular tachycardia ablation**
Chairs: K. Zeppenfeld, J. Merino
Cryoenergy and pulsed field for VT ablation - tba
New mapping tools for VT ablation - J. Merino
Challenging epicardial VT ablation - A. Arya
VT ablation in terminal heart failure - P. Sommer
CMR for guiding VT ablation - I. Roca-Luque
- 10:30 - 11:00** **Stereotactic radioablation for VT – is it ready for prime time?**
Chairs: H. Pürerfellner, K. Zeppenfeld
- 11:00 - 11:30** **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:30 - 12:30** **DISCUSSION ROUND: How can we improve outcomes in treatment of ventricular tachycardia in patients with structural heart disease?**
Moderators: H. Pürerfellner, H. Thiele
P. Attanasio, L.-H. Boldt, J. H. Gerds-Li, R. Lenarczyk, J. Tfelt-Hansen, R. Tlilz, V. Tscholl, K. Vernooij, K. Zeppenfeld
- 12:30 - 13:00** **Ventricular fibrillation without structural substrate**
Chairs: G. Hindricks, M. Haissaguerre
- 13:00 - 14:00** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 14:00 - 14:45** **Debated issues in ablation therapy in defibrillator patients**
Chairs: R. Tlilz, M. Taborsky
Prophylactic ablation in ICD patients after myocardial infarction - T. Deneke
Ablation as alternative to ICD in hemodynamically tolerated VT in patients with structural heart disease - M. Taborsky
- 14:45 - 15:15** **Genetic and sudden cardiac death**
Chairs: J. Merino, P. Schwartz
- 15:15 - 15:30** **Concluding remarks**
G. Hindricks, H. Pürerfellner, N. Dagres

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ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel rooms have been reserved at two hotels conveniently located next to Campus Charité Mitte. Booking links for both hotels can be found on the Update on Sudden Cardiac Death 2025 website: www.profid-project.eu/update-scd-2025

AMANO GRAND CENTRAL

Heidestraße 62, 10557 Berlin, Germany

Rate: 180 €/night (incl. breakfast)

Booking Deadline: 19.9.2025

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Friedrichstraße 103, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Rate: 199 €/night (incl. breakfast)

Booking Deadline: 17.10.2025

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Register here!



Update on Sudden Cardiac Death 2025 is free of charge. Please note that the number of seats is limited. We encourage you to register early. CME points have been applied for.

We look forward to seeing you!

Update on Sudden Cardiac Death 2025 is embedded in the large project PROFID, which is expected to change sudden cardiac death prevention in clinical practice.



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