



FOUNDATION FOR  
CIRCULATORY  
HEALTH

*"...commitment to the  
prevention of human  
circulatory diseases through  
research innovation..."*

# welcome

**The Foundation for Circulatory Health is a charitable organisation with the primary aim of supporting the activities of the International Centre for Circulatory Health<sup>†</sup>.**

Today, cardiovascular disease including coronary heart disease and stroke is the leading cause of death worldwide. Over the next 20 years the global burden of cardiovascular disease is expected to increase dramatically as the world develops. This expected increase is not inevitable, given that the associated risk factors are largely identified.

The Foundation for Circulatory Health has already raised £1.5million in its first year to support life changing research in a wide range of important areas. In particular we are grateful to the generous support received from Pfizer and Sanofi-Aventis.

The goals of the Foundation are:

*"to bring about improvements in health in all parts of the world, particularly as regards diseases of the human circulatory system, and to advance public education by improving the knowledge of members of the medical and allied professions concerning such diseases and their prevention and treatment."*

We welcome new contributors to the Foundation to help support the activities of the International Centre for Circulatory Health in its efforts to advance standards of care in the prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease, nationally and internationally.



**Jeremy Skinner**  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees

**<sup>†</sup>Scope of the International Centre for Circulatory Health**

**PATIENT BASED RESEARCH AND CLINICAL TRIALS**  
**EPIDEMIOLOGY AND HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH**  
**ETHNICITY AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE**  
**CARDIOVASCULAR PATIENT SERVICES**  
**NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES**  
**VASCULAR STUDIES**



## THE FOUNDATION FOR CIRCULATORY HEALTH – THE CHALLENGE

By the year 2020, coronary heart disease and strokes will rank as the first and fourth contributors to the global disease burden as they become more common in the developing world. Similarly, the number of people with diabetes is expected to double from the mid 1990s to the end of this decade. These trends however, are entirely preventable.

Cardiovascular disease rates in the UK currently rank amongst the highest in the world and within the UK there are dramatic geographical, ethnic and social variations in the distribution of circulatory diseases. This variability is mirrored around the world.

The future direction of healthcare delivery and disease prevention requires an acute awareness of and adaptation to the needs of the community in sickness and in health. Communication between professionals and patients, efficient delivery of care and ongoing audit to refine performance are at the very centre of the approaches funded by the Foundation for Circulatory Health.



## THE FOUNDATION FOR CIRCULATORY HEALTH – CHANGING THE FUTURE FOR PEOPLE WITH CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

To make progress in the area of cardiovascular disease, several specialties have to join forces and work towards the next milestones in combating the biggest killer worldwide.

Research should be focused on practical and realistic ways in which prevention of circulatory diseases can be achieved. The knowledge and experience within the International Centre for Circulatory Health of cardiovascular disease mechanisms and preventative measures is highly sophisticated.

It is the goal of The Foundation for Circulatory Health that clinical excellence and first-rate clinical research should go hand in hand. Whilst other institutions pursue either service or research objectives, the funds available from the Foundation for Circulatory Health are able to bring together research and clinical excellence ensuring that hitherto disparate research questions are able to be addressed with common purpose.



## THE FOUNDATION FOR CIRCULATORY HEALTH - PIONEERING NEW APPROACHES TO THE PREVENTION OF CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE

Introducing the International Centre for Circulatory Health (ICCH)

### ICCH Mission

To create a centre of excellence with an integrated research strategy in the field of circulatory medicine and to apply the results of scientific endeavour to advance standards of care in prevention and treatment of cardiovascular disease which will reduce the expected increase in disease burden around the world.

### ICCH Vision

- Delivery of a strategic, multidisciplinary, research programme spanning aetiological and prognostic questions in healthy subjects and patient populations.
- Development and implementation of improved models of clinical care which change the principles and practices of disease prevention in the developed and developing world.
- Provision of a first class clinical service for cardiovascular disease prevention and treatment which meets current standards, directs future scientific enquiry and helps to set national policy.

- Communication of the results of research and new treatment strategies through publication and education of students, healthcare professionals and the general public worldwide.

- Creation of an environment that develops individual careers in clinical and basic research related to circulatory disorders and diabetes.

**The activities of ICCH cover the whole spectrum of research, from basic scientific investigations to health services research. This unique feature of ICCH will allow, for example, a hypothesis generated by epidemiological work to be methodically traced back to possible mechanistic origins or vice versa.**

**The Foundation will, at least in the early years, fulfil its charitable objectives by promoting and supporting the International Centre for Circulatory Health.**

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