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iCARDIO Alliance Publishes First Global Implementation Guidelines

iCARDIO Guidelines mark a transformative milestone in global cardiovascular care, emphasizing equity, practical application, and real-world implementation

BASEL, April 28, 2025 – The iCARDIO Alliance (International CARDIO-Vascular Alliance to Improve Disease Outcomes) is pleased to announce the publication of its first Global Implementation Guidelines, on the Diagnosis and Management of Acute and Chronic Heart Failure. This groundbreaking initiative marks the beginning of a new approach to guideline development, providing equitable and implementable cardiovascular care guidance worldwide.

Heart failure affects over 64 million people worldwide and is projected to increase sharply in the coming decades. Despite the availability of multiple heart failure guidelines, effective implementation remains a challenge, due to barriers in access to care, resource constraints, and geographic disparities.

“Our goal is to go beyond traditional recommendations by providing realistic, practical, and context-sensitive options for healthcare professionals worldwide” said Professor Shelley Zieroth, Cardiologist and Co-Chair of the iCARDIO Alliance.

Unlike traditional guidelines, developed primarily by experts in high-income countries, iCARDIO’s Global Implementation Guidelines are uniquely designed to be practical, concise, and applicable across all economic and healthcare contexts. They provide:

- Evidence-based recommendations drawn from existing guidelines and new research.
- Context-specific guidance to help clinicians choose the best possible options for settings where resources may be limited or severely limited.
- Global representation, with world-renowned experts on writing teams that include a maximum of 50% representing Europe and North America and 50% or more from the rest of the world.
- Extensive peer review, with expert reviewers from all regions of the world.
- A public review phase open to all.
- Patient voices, with perspectives of those with lived experience, embedded into the process.

The iCARDIO Alliance works with a growing number of partner cardiovascular societies around the world who collaborate in improving the quality of cardiovascular care by contributing to the guideline writing and review teams.

The iCARDIO Alliance’s unique model ensures transparency, diversity, and inclusivity. “Through our innovative approach, the iCARDIO Alliance aims to enhance guideline dissemination and implementation on a global scale,” said Professor Fausto Pinto, Cardiologist and Co-Chair of the iCARDIO Alliance, “In this way, we aim to improve the quality of cardiovascular care for everyone, everywhere, even where resources are severely limited, from prevention and diagnosis to treatment and follow-up.”

All the iCARDIO Guidelines authors work on a voluntary basis and they have all published online Declarations of Interest. The development and publication costs of the Guidelines are covered through independent educational initiatives, with no direct funding from the pharmaceutical or medical device industries.

The iCARDIO Guidelines are accessible by open access through the website of the journal [Global Cardiology](#) and co-published in several other journals. The iCARDIO Alliance is also developing a mobile app, enabling clinicians to easily reference the Guidelines on their devices.

This publication sets the stage for a suite of Global Implementation Guidelines on a range of cardiovascular issues, including Obesity Therapy in Patients with Cardiovascular Disease; Ischemic Heart Disease; and the Diagnosis and Management of Atrial Fibrillation.

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The iCARDIO Alliance Global Implementation Guidelines on the Diagnosis and Management of Acute and Chronic Heart Failure can be downloaded in [Global Cardiology here](#).

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About the iCARDIO Alliance

The [iCARDIO Alliance](#) is a global collaborative initiative that brings together leading cardiovascular societies and experts from every region of the world. Guided by an advisory board of internationally recognized [specialists](#), its mission is to improve patient outcomes through international cooperation, equitable practices, and the development of practical clinical guidelines that are applicable and implementable across diverse healthcare and economic settings.

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