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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 **Update on Sudden Cardiac Death**, organized by the German Heart Center of the Charité, Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin, 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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Prof. Helmut Pürerfellner

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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, 28.11.2025

12:30 – 12:45

Welcome and Introduction

G. Hindricks, N. Dagres, H. Pürerfellner

12:45 – 13:30

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. Kutlyifa]

13:30 – 14:30

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]

14:30 – 15:00

Lessons from REFINE-ICD [D. Exner]

15:00 – 16:00

DISCUSSION ROUND: Challenges in primary prevention ICD trials and how to cope with them.

Moderators: D. Birnie, B. Merkely
Discussants: C. de Chillou, N. Dagres, C. Gale, V. Kutlyifa, 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. J. Schwartz

Artificial intelligence: is there sufficient evidence? [F. Tjong]

Cardiac magnetic resonance imaging: potentials and limitations [I. Roca-Luque]

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
Discussants: F. Braunschweig, W. Haverkamp, F. Hohendanner, I. Roca-Luque, H. Tan, J. Tfelt-Hansen, F. Tjong

18:30 – 19:00

Prediction and prevention of SCD in the general population [E. Marijon]

Chair: H. Tan

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 [J. Kautzner]

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

Critical appraisal of ventricular tachycardia ablation in structural heart disease. Indications and limitations. [J. Sapp]

Chair: J. Kalman

11:00 - 11:30

Stereotactic radioablation for VT – is it ready for prime time? [K. Zeppenfeld]

Chair: H. Pürerfellner

11:30 - 12:00

COFFEE BREAK

12:00 - 13:00

DISCUSSION ROUND: How can we improve outcomes in treatment of ventricular tachycardia in patients with structural heart disease?

Moderators: H. Pürerfellner, H. Thiele
Discussants: P. Attanasio, L.-H. Boldt, J. H. Gerds-Li, R. Lenarczyk, J. Tfelt-Hansen, R. Tiltz, V. Tscholl, K. Zeppenfeld

13:00 - 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 - 14:30

Ventricular fibrillation without structural substrate [M. Haïssaguerre]

Chairs: G. Hindricks

14:30 - 15:15

Debated issues in ablation therapy in defibrillator patients

Chairs: R. Tiltz, 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]

15:15 - 15:45

Genetics and sudden cardiac death [P. J. Schwartz]

Chair: J. Merino

15:45 - 16:00

Concluding remarks

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Hotel rooms have been reserved at Meliá Berlin, conveniently located next to Campus Charité Mitte. A booking link for the hotel can be found on the Update on Sudden Cardiac Death 2025 website: www.profid-project.eu/update-scd-2025

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Friedrichstraße 103, 10117 Berlin, Germany

Rate: 199 €/night (incl. breakfast)

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We look forward to seeing you!

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