



FRIENDS OF THE BRITISH HYPERTENSION SOCIETY

The BHS Executive Committee is pleased to perpetuate the ongoing development of the initiatives between the Society and our industry colleagues, a successful partnership since 2002 when Professor Bryan Williams (then President) first introduced the 'Friends of the BHS' scheme.

The Friends of the BHS are listed on the home page of the BHS website (www.bhsoc.org), together with links to their own websites, and we are very grateful to them for their support.

Contributions from these companies to the Friends scheme enable the BHS to continue to develop the following initiatives, organised by Working Parties who report to the Executive Committee. The remits of each of the Working Party is outlined below and a list of the Chairmen and Members of the Working Parties can be found on the BHS website, under 'More About Us'.

► BHS Information Service and Guidelines Working Party

- To provide information for health care professionals about hypertension (BP Measurement DVD and Posters, Nurse Distance Learning Course, ACD Algorithm Posters, Factfiles)
- To provide hypertension guidelines and web-based timely updates in response to new trial evidence
- To product factfiles on the management of hypertension in special situations
- To develop a strategy, manage & support the Information Service to ensure that it delivers on the above

► BHS Educational Programmes Working Party

- To develop, organise, deliver and evaluate a range of educational initiatives across primary and secondary health care to improve knowledge and influence the prevention, detection and management of hypertension and cardiovascular disease in accordance with current BHS guidelines
- To engage stakeholders to develop a UK Specialist Accreditation programme and undertake a range of activities in support of this aim including Curriculum Design, Assessment and Quality Assurance
- To continue to develop links with other stakeholders, in particular the Nurses Hypertension Association, to promote educational activities across the multi-professional health care team
- To engage with those professional organisations involved in the delivery of care strategies to identify and reduce cardiovascular disease in the population, in particular pharmacists and nurses in primary/community care
- To develop and implement an accreditation system for postgraduate programmes that contribute to the overarching educational aims of the British Hypertension Society

► BHS Blood Pressure Measurement Working Party

- To advise on the validation of blood pressure monitors
- To be responsible for issues relating to mercury
- To advise on and provide educational resources for the measurement of blood pressure

► BHS Collaborative Research Working Party

- To design and execute de novo clinical research studies expected to benefit from collaboration among several centres