



Do you want to be involved in the development of interdisciplinary, patient-centred care pathways for elderly patient with Atrial Fibrillation?

The EU-funded project [EHRA-PATHS](#) is the first multicentre EU-wide project on integrated care for elderly patients with atrial fibrillation and at least one additional chronic condition. It started in April 2021, and it will run until March 2026.

It aims to transform and improve the clinical practice in the field of atrial fibrillation to holistic, inclusive and personalised treatment strategies. It will change the single-disease focused approach to a multi-factorial approach considering multimorbidity, polypharmacy, and sex. This transformation could lead to a reduction in the yearly European healthcare burden of multimorbid, elderly AF patients (>65 years of age), both medically and financially.

The consortium is composed of 14 partners, led by the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and its constituent the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA). Professor Hein Heidbuchel from the University of Antwerp and Past-President of the European Heart Rhythm Association (2018-2020) is the Scientific Coordinator.

Fundamental part of the project is the establishment of the **Patient and Advisory Board (PAB)** whose purpose is to ensure that the patient and public perspective is heard and to advise the consortium on the different tasks throughout the lifespan of the EHRA-PATHS project.

The EHRA-PATHS PAB wants to enlarge and aims at welcoming at least 5-7 patient representatives from the AF patient community in Europe. The PAB is led by 2 Co-Chairs (e.i. the scientific coordinator and his delegate) and supported by members of the Project Support Office (PSO) from both ESC and Catalyze. They are responsible to convene the PAB when deemed necessary based on the progress of the different work packages (WPs). They will invite ad-hoc participants (such as WP leads) to any PAB meetings.

Role & Requirements

Patients with atrial fibrillation should of course be fluent in English and interested in the EHRA-PATHS project. Patients will take part in specific online meetings, set up to present the project planning to them



in order to hear their perspectives and receive their feedback. Most of these meetings will be on an ad hoc basis for different Work Packages.

The meetings will be held online, so normally there is no need to travel.

How to become a member?

Have a look at the [Terms of Reference](#) and send an e-mail to <mailto:ehra-paths@catalyze-group.com> explaining your interest in applying as member of the PAB.

