

WSO HEART BRAIN PROGRAM

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Disclosures

- None

Learning Objectives

- To learn more about the interactions between stroke specialists and cardiologists
- To learn how the two services can enhance cooperation
- To learn how the WSO BEATS program tried to improve the interaction between the two services at 10 sites around the world
- To overview the results achieved by the program at the sites

Key Messages

- The BEATS program successfully was implemented at 9 of 10 sites
- The program improved the interactions between the stroke and cardiology services at these sites
- Joint clinics and patient protocols for PFO closure and left atrial appendage closure were implemented at these sites
- A cardiology consultant was added to the stroke team at many sites