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Asian Stroke Summer School 2026

Over 300 young neurologists and neuroradiologists trained in acute stroke care at the Asian Stroke Summer School in India. Co-organised by Inselspital and the University of Bern, the course aimed to improve access to effective treatments through education and practical implementation, particularly in low- and middle-income countries.

Stroke affects 1 in 4 people worldwide during their lifetime. The good news? Strokes are preventable and treatable. Yet highly effective therapies such as thrombolysis and thrombectomy remain out of reach for far too many patients. Targeted educational programmes are essential to help healthcare teams bring these life-saving treatments to more people.

The **Asian Stroke Summer School** took place from 12 to 15 November 2026 in Trivandrum, India, to train over 300 young neurologists and neuroradiologists in acute stroke care. The World Health Organization (WHO) also sent 20 participants from low- and middle-income countries.

Our Stroke Center at Inselspital and the University of Bern organised the course in partnership with the Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology (SCTIMST) in Kerala. Prof. Dr. med. Urs Fischer, Chief Physician and Director of the Department of Neurology, and Prof. Dr. med. Jan Gralla, Chief Physician and Director of the Institute of Diagnostic and Interventional Neuroradiology, co-led the course with Prof. Dr. P. N. Sylaja and Prof. Dr. E. R. Jayadevan.

“Through the Asian Stroke Summer School, we aim to empower teams from low- and middle-income countries,” says Urs Fischer. “In Kerala, we shared knowledge and practical skills to help bring effective stroke treatments to more people.”

Since launching the European Stroke Winter School in 2014, we have expanded our educational programmes. Today, our Stroke Schools bring together healthcare teams across Europe, Asia and Latin America.

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