



<b>MEMBERSHIP AND MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL</b>	
For External Use	
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## Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidance and set forth the terms and conditions for individuals or corporations/organisations who wish to become members, or renew a membership, to the Association of Neurovascular Clinicians (ANVC).

## Scope

This policy applies to all members, who join ANVC. This includes members who hold office on the Board of Directors, serve on ANVC committees, task forces, or other volunteer groups, as well as members at large.

## Membership Benefits

The ANVC is an international organisation of interdisciplinary stroke professionals who are dedicated to improving the quality and access to acute stroke care, by meeting the educational and practice-related needs of healthcare professionals engaged in the care of stroke patients.

Membership to the ANVC provides members with access to world-class, evidence-based research and practice guidelines, open-access to the Stroke Clinician journal, 24-hour access to an international network of neurovascular healthcare professionals, live and on-demand educational webinars, discounted neurovascular educational courses and workshops, discounted registration to the annual conference, eligibility for scholarships and awards, and much more.

Membership to the ANVC identifies individuals who are committed to improving their practice and therefore the health outcomes of their patients.

## Policy

### Admission and renewal of members

ANVC membership is available to any health care professional, student or industry member who is engaged in, or has an active interest in, neurovascular management and care, providing:

1. The candidate makes a complete application via the ANVC website at [www.anvc.org](http://www.anvc.org) in the manner prescribed by the ANVC
2. The candidate pays or renews their dues as prescribed by the Board
3. The candidate agrees to uphold and comply with the ANVCs mission and vision
4. The candidate agrees they will act professionally and respectfully at all times, in accordance with the ANVC Code of Conduct policy.

## Restrictions

Members agree that they will not:

1. Share their login information with non-members
2. Reproduce or share any of the information received from ANVC as part of their membership, including any information contained on the website without permission
3. Post inappropriate, inaccurate or offensive content to membership forums or other discussion/chat boards, including during virtual courses/webinars
4. Engage in aggressive or abusive behaviour, including swearing, physical, written or verbal threats or otherwise intimidating behaviours during online or in-person events

Any breach of these restrictions will be investigated by the ANVC Board and may result in membership suspension or termination.

## Membership categories

**Active Members:** An individual who has satisfied the requirements for membership as described above, and who has paid their required membership fees will receive full access to all ANVC membership benefits.

**Lifetime Members:** A member who has rendered distinguished service to the ANVC and/or to the practice of neurovascular healthcare may be granted lifetime membership to the ANVC following a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors. Attainment of lifetime membership status provides the member with free membership for life.

Both active and lifetime members are eligible to hold office on the Board of Directors, serve on ANVC committees, task forces and other general volunteer groups, attend the Annual General Meeting, have voting rights and otherwise engage in general ANVC activities.

## Membership dues

- Annual membership runs from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Membership dues are reviewed and determined annually by the ANVC Board of Directors
- Members are to renew their dues by January 1<sup>st</sup> each year
- Membership renewal reminders will be communicated to members. This may be through the ANVC website, in the Connect newsletter or via email
- Members who renew in December will have their full membership carried forward for the following calendar year
- Members with outstanding dues will receive an email via the email address on file.
- Members whose dues are in arrears for more than forty-five (45) days will have their membership cancelled

## Cancellation of membership

Membership to the ANVC can be cancelled or suspended by the ANVC Board if members fail to comply with the agreed upon terms. This will immediately revoke all membership rights and privileges.

Please note, it is the sole responsibility of each member to ensure their contact details are current and correct on their member profile, and to subscribe to any or all ANVC communications, so they do not miss membership reminders or updates, including possible fee increases. No compensation will be given to members who fail to renew and have their membership cancelled.

Members wishing to cancel their ANVC membership may do so in two ways:

1. Notify the ANVC Member Specialist in writing via [info@anvc.org](mailto:info@anvc.org). Please note, refunds are not provided for memberships that are cancelled before the end of the membership year
2. Allow their membership to lapse at the end of the year.