

Dear cardiology society,

The latest ESC stable angina guidelines clearly highlight the important role of stress imaging in the investigation of patients with chest pain along with growing demand for CTAg. Stress echocardiography is an established tool and profits from being radiation free and low cost procedure.

I was trained in stress echocardiography in UK, where it is widely available in almost all hospitals. Since my return to the Czech Republic and after achieving British Society of Echocardiography stress echocardiography accreditation I have been trying to spread the message about the stress echocardiography amongst Czech cardiologists. At first we organised the course on transpulmonary contrast echocardiography, which is essential in ischaemia stress testing. In 2019 we held our first stress echo course run by the international faculty mainly from UK. As the feedback was positive, we all agreed that we should have repeated the course and open it also for cardiologists interested in the topic from other countries. Unfortunately, due to the COVID 19 epidemic along with other events the course planned for June 2020 had to be cancelled. It was therefore agreed to turn it into the on-line one day event mainly targeted at ischemia testing, which is now scheduled for 24th April, 2021.

The course is organised by Faculty of Medicine Hradec Kralove, Charles University under the auspices of Czech Society of Cardiology. The program includes overview lectures and case reports. Demonstration of various types of stress echocardiography will also be included. The course is designed as non-profit event with corresponding low registration fee (necessary along with industrial contributions to cover the associated expenses) to make it widely accessible. All speakers waived their honoraria.

More information and registration is available at the course website [www.stressechok.com](http://www.stressechok.com)

or at Czech Society of Cardiology website

<http://www.kardio-cz.cz/2021-01-27-2nd-east-bohemia-stress-echocardiography-course/>

We believe that the course might be informative and impactful also for the cardiologists in your country. On behalf of the course committee I would therefore like to offer and ask you to consider promotion of the course amongst the members of your society.

With very kind regards

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