



The Dutch Society of Cardiovascular Nursing (NVHV)

The Dutch Society of Cardiovascular Nursing (NVHV) was established in 1996 and originated from the Scientific Nursing Committee of the Dutch Heart Foundation. One of the major objectives of the NVHV is to further professionalize cardiovascular care and increase knowledge and evidence based practice. To achieve these goals, the NVHV focuses on cardiovascular nurses and allied professions, working in the complex field of cardiovascular care.

The activities of the NVHV involve:

- 1) To promote and distribute the official journal of the NVHV (Cordiaal®)
- 2) To organise an annual congress on cardiovascular care in November (CarVasZ®) and contribute to the annual congress of Acute and Intensive Care in May (Venticare®)
- 3) To promote and organise Continuing Nursing Education programmes
- 4) To organise and participate in education activities (post-bachelor training in specialised nursing care for heart-failure, vascular disease and cardiac rehabilitation)
- 5) To communicate and collaborate with other national and international societies relevant to the field of cardiovascular care.

The organizational structure of the NVHV (see figure below) includes 11 working groups.

These working groups focus on:

- Heart failure
- Acute Cardiac Care
- Vascular disease
- Cardiac rehabilitation
- Scientific research
- Congresses (CarVasz, Venticare)
- Journal (Cordiaal)
- Thoracic surgery
- Intervention cardiology
- ICD nurse specialists
- Website

The management of the NVHV is composed of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, treasurer and chairs of 11 working groups.