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Useful web sites

British Cardiac Society	Professional society principally representing UK cardiologists	www.bcs.com
British Cardiovascular Intervention Society (BCIS)	Specialist UK society involved with cardiac intervention procedures	www.bcis.org.uk
British Heart Foundation	UK medical charity supporting cardiovascular research	www.bhf.org.uk
Central Cardiac Audit Database (CCAD)	National cardiac audit database supported by existing UK registries in cardiovascular medicine and surgery	ccad3.biomed.gla.ac.uk/ccad
Commission for Health Improvement (CHI)	Independent statutory body to raise standards throughout NHS in England and Wales	www.doh.gov.uk/chi
Department of Health	Department of Health in England	www.doh.gov.uk
National Institute for Clinical Excellence	Agency setting standards and guidelines for UK medical practice	www.nice.org.uk
Medical Devices Agency	Government agency controlling use of medical devices, including angioplasty equipment	www.medical-devices.gov.uk
Resuscitation Council (UK)	Statements and reports, 1997 resuscitation guidelines	www.resus.org.uk
Royal College of Physicians (London)		www.rcplondon.ac.uk
Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)	National clinical guidelines recommended for use in Scotland. Includes coronary angioplasty	www.show.scot.nhs.uk/sign
Society of Cardiothoracic Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland	Events, affiliated organisations, training, outcomes, registries and databases	www.scts.org
<i>Journals:</i>		
British Medical Journal		www.bmj.com
Heart (formerly the British Heart Journal)		www.heartjnl.com
Lancet		www.thelancet.com
New England Journal of Medicine		www.nejm.com