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MD, associate professor

Specialist in cardiology, emergency medicine, and internal medicine

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Main scientific interest: acute heart failure.

Principal Investigator of European multicentre study on cardiogenic shock, the CardShock Study and Finnish national heart failure study, the FINN-AKVA Study.

Publications also from EuroHeartFailure Survey II, levosimendan, apixaban, intensive care, emergency medicine.

V-P Harjola is in charge of three university hospital emergency departments in Helsinki metropolitan area which have yearly patient number of 110.000. The department includes also CCU, observational units and intensive care units. Cardiogenic shock is one of the most challenging patient groups in this population and one of V-P's main interests. The pathophysiology, management, and prognostic factors in cardiogenic shock are under major investigation currently by the CardShock Study group.

In his spare time V-P loves outdoor sports including kayaking, skiing, bicycling, long distance skating and mahogany motor boating as well as fixing and repairing his family's summer house.