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Ryder Cup role for Scots sports medicine specialists

Two sports medicine experts from the University of Edinburgh will provide specialist support at golf's Ryder Cup.

Doctors Andrew Murray and Jane Dunbar will offer expertise and assistance to players as the Europeans face Team USA at Gleneagles.

The pair, are part of FASIC – the Fitness Assessment and Sports Injuries Centre at Edinburgh – which is one of only four performance clinics worldwide to be associated with the European Tour.

The event, which takes place from 23-28 September, is one of the highlights of the sporting calendar, drawing a daily global television audience in excess of 500 million.

Dr Murray has worked for three years with golf's European and Challenge Tours, developing resources for players to prevent illness and injury and to aid high performance.

He will also be on duty at the Welsh Open prior to the Ryder Cup, and the Dunhill Links Championship at St Andrews after the Gleneagles event.

Dr Dunbar qualified as Scotland's first consultant in sports and exercise medicine in 2009 and has been working with professional golfers since 1991.

She has also organised a host of international conferences including the British Association of Sports and Exercise Medicine in Edinburgh, which will take place in October.

Dr Roger Hawkes, Chief Medical Officer for the Ryder Cup and the European Tour Performance Institute, said: "We are delighted to have FASIC as one of the four associate clinics that we recommend to players.

"The players have been calling for the services we offer to be expanded, thanks to the success of the network of specialists that we have established. In particular, the players value continuity of care by people working in golf regularly at the top level."

Ranked among the top universities in the world

FASIC was established in 1988 and has since become Scotland's premier multi-disciplinary sports medicine centre. Its experts support anyone who is involved in sport or exercise, from elite through to recreational enthusiasts.

Dr Murray added: "We not only provide a top service to the professionals, but make this affordable and accessible to every golfer in Scotland.

"We do a lot of work with golfers preventing injury and illness, as well as assessing, diagnosing and treating common golf injuries. Our aim is always to keep our golfers on the course."

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