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Welcome to IBHRE Source, IBHRE's new electronic newsletter, designed to keep you informed of IBHRE activities and related certification news. To contribute an article or for more information, contact Tracy Lofty, IBHRE's Executive Director.

**CCDS Final Exam Registration Deadline is February 4** 

The final exam registration deadline for the 2016 CCDS examinations for physicians and allied professionals is fast approaching! The IBHRE Certification Examinations for Competency in Cardiac Rhythm Device Therapy for physicians and allied professionals will be held on August 3, 2016 worldwide via computer-based testing sites. This will be the only time the CCDS examinations will be offered in 2016 – don't let an opportunity to invest in your career and validate your knowledge pass you by.



Registration ends at 11:59 PM (EST) on February 5, 2016.

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## **Certification News**

#### **Celebrating Our Newly Certified CCDS Recipients**

IBHRE congratulates the 405 physicians and allied professionals who recently obtained their CCDS certifications. We commend those employers who maintain the high standards in heart rhythm competency by employing IBHRE certified professionals to improve the quality of patient care.

**IBHRE** Recipients

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## **IBHRE Successfully Obtains ANSI Re-Accreditation**

IBHRE is proud to announce that the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) has granted IBHRE continued accreditation of its globally recognized certification programs. After conducting a rigorous review of IBHRE's certification policies and procedures, ANSI's Personnel Certification Accreditation Committee concluded that the certifying board was in compliance with ANSI standards set through the International Organization of Standardization (ISO).



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**Marketplace** 

### **IBHRE to Host First Online Blog Radio Show on February 11**



For IBHRE Day on February 11, IBHRE is pleased to be hosting a discussion on IBHRE's Blog Talk Radio channel at Blogtalkradio.com/IBHRE at 5-6 PM EST. Join Executive Director, Tracy Lofty, and IBHRE's Ambassadors as they discuss the value and impact of IBHRE certification on patients, employers, and IBHRE-certified professionals.

Additionally, a Facebook "Ask the Experts" chat will be held live on <u>facebook.com/ibhre</u> at 6-7:30 PM EST, featuring a panel of IBHRE representatives available to answer any questions about IBHRE credentialing, the certification process, and the impact of IBHRE on patient care.

Created to recognize and celebrate certified cardiac arrhythmia health care professionals around the world for their unique skillset and knowledge, IBHRE Day provides certified professionals the opportunity to educate their colleagues and the public about the value of their certification. This year's theme, **Celebrating Certification Excellence**, will highlight IBHRE's efforts on elevating the quality and safety of patient care through its certification standards.

Visit the IBHRE website to access the IBHRE Day Promotional Toolkit.

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### IBHRE Ambassador Spotlight - Laurie Newmark, RN, CCDS

One of IBHRE's most enthusiastic and committed advocates, Laurie Newmark, RN, CCDS, manages the device clinic at Northern Nevada Cardiology in Reno, Nevada. She originally became CCDS certified in 2000 and has served as an IBHRE Ambassador since 2013.

Learn more about Laurie Newmark and share your story.

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## **IBHRE Scholarship Program**

IBHRE is pleased to announce that it will continue its annual scholarship program for allied health care professionals seeking IBHRE certification. The IBHRE Scholarship Award creates opportunities for professionals with limited access to certification resources. In order to assist allied professionals earning the Certified Cardiac Device Specialist (CCDS) or Certified Electrophysiology Specialist (CEPS) certification, IBHRE will:

 Provide up to three \$800 scholarship awards to be applied towards the registration cost (recipients will receive a discounted registration fee). One-year membership to the Heart Rhythm Society (HRS) will be awarded, giving
recipients access to educational resources and updates in the field of heart rhythm
management. HRS membership is contingent upon review and meeting HRS
membership requirements, and a current non-member status of HRS is required to
receive the complimentary membership.

The deadline to apply is **Friday**, **May 27**, **2016**. Recipients will be notified by Friday, July 29, 2016.

## **Apply Now**

NOTE: Candidates must meet established eligibility criteria. Earning certification requires passing a comprehensive computer-based examination that is based upon an international body of knowledge. Candidates must meet established eligibility criteria and have an excellent foundation in the field of device therapy and electrophysiology to earn certification.

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## **Other News**

#### Join IBHRE at Heart Rhythm 2016



IBHRE invites you to join us at **Heart Rhythm 2016, May 4–7 in San Francisco**, where we will offer a variety of activities for those interested in learning more about IBHRE certification as well as networking opportunities for those who are IBHRE certified.

**Register Now** 

Come visit us at the **IBHRE Lounge in the Exhibit Hall!** Get valuable information about IBHRE programs, pick up your

ribbon and CCDS or CEPS lapel pin, take a handful of materials to share with your colleagues, and enter a raffle to become one of two lucky winners of a free exam registration! IBHRE certified professionals are invited to visit the lounge to meet with colleagues, and recharge with light refreshments.

#### Special events in the IBHRE Lounge will include:

- The IBHRE Ambassador Award Presentation the first annual award presented to an outstanding IBHRE Ambassador.
- "Ask the Experts" Session this is a great opportunity to discuss IBHRE certification with IBHRE leaders
- "Each One Bring One" Networking Event certified professionals will bring a potential applicant to the IBHRE Lounge to meet with IBHRE staff and enjoy refreshments.

- Volunteer Information Session learn how you can participate in IBHRE leadership activities.
- Dates and times for the special events will be announced and posted on <u>IBHRE.org</u> in February. The IBHRE Lounge will be open Wednesday, May 4, 12 noon-5 PM and Thursday-Friday, May 5-6, 9 AM-5 PM.

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