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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.

Certification News

Verification of Continuing Education

Are you due to submit Verification of Continuing Education (VCE) in 2017? If yes, don't wait until the end of the year! Submit early to make sure that you are listed in IBHRE's online directory as being in compliance with IBHRE's certification policies. Submission of a minimum of 45 contact

hours of continuing education is still required no later than December 1st of the 5th year of your certification. Certified professionals may complete any combination of 45 contact hours from the list provided below. Applicable VCE activities fall under the following categories:

- Continuing Medical Education (CME) or Continuing Education (CE)
- IBHRE Committee Service
- Lecture/Presentation
- Publications
- College or University Credit
- Industry Training
- Industry Sponsored Education Presentation

Read [IBHRE's Verification of Continuing Education Credits and Recertification Policy](#) to obtain more details.

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IBHRE Updates Exam Content Outlines

In January 2016, IBHRE conducted a job task analysis of each of its certification exams to identify new knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary for competent practice. As a result of the studies, IBHRE is in the process of updating all certification exam content outlines. Updated exam forms are expected to be phased in as follows:

2017 – New exam forms for CEPS, CEPS-PC, and CEPS-AC assessments

2018 – New exam form for the CCDS assessment

2019 – New exam form for the Japanese CCDS assessment

The [Certification Candidate Handbook](#) will be updated accordingly to reflect new exam content outlines. To date, the CEPS, CEPS-PC and CEPS-AC exam content outlines have been updated and are posted in IBHRE's Candidate Handbook.

Marketplace

Celebrate IBHRE Day



IBHRE DAY
FEBRUARY 10TH

Mark your calendar for IBHRE Day - **February 10, 2017!**

IBHRE Day raises awareness of how IBHRE certified professionals help improve patient care and how their enhanced knowledge helps advance the delivery of patient care in the heart rhythm management field.

As part of IBHRE Day, IBHRE's Executive Director, Tracy Lofty, and Enrico Asidao, CEPS, will provide an overview of the value of the IBHRE certification process during a pre-recorded blog radio show on February 10th. To celebrate IBHRE Day, [access the IBHRE Day Toolkit](#) and blog radio show. Use the toolkit for marketing strategies on how to promote the certifications as well as how to recognize your achievement and colleagues certified by IBHRE. The toolkit

includes a promotional flyer, IBHRE Day Stationery, the IBHRE Day logo, sample press release, and so much more!

IBHRE recognizes two senior IBHRE Ambassadors:



Jay Charles Reid, MSBI, CCDS, Training & Education Strategist, Medtronic, Inc., Minneapolis, Minn., on earning the designation of Fellow of the Heart Rhythm Society (FHRS).



Aparna Jaswal, MBBS, MD, DNB, CCDS, FHRS, FACC, Principal Consultant Electrophysiologist, Fortis Escorts Heart Institute, New Delhi, India for her service as IBHRE's Senior Global Ambassador promoting IBHRE certification around the world.

Dr. Aparna Jaswal has a bright career profile. She completed her medical school and furthered her cardiology training both with gold medal. Dr. Aparna Jaswal is an acknowledged expert in electrophysiology (EP) at Fortis Escorts Heart Institute (FEHI), New Delhi. She has since been working at FEHI as an Additional Director.

Dr. Jaswal was the first Resident Indian to earn the "CCDS" credential. Dr. Jaswal has many research projects and has been actively participating in national and international research trials. She has been invited as a faculty to various national and international symposia and workshops and also has to her credit having been the first electrophysiologist to start an EP program in Mauritius in November 2010. She has been actively mentoring the EP fellows at her hospital and has been proctoring implants at various national and international hospitals.

In 2014, she was awarded the Prof. B. P Basu Memorial Award at Cardiological Society of India. In 2015, she graduated as a Fellow of the American College of Cardiology. In addition to serving as a Senior Global Ambassador for IBHRE, she also serves as a mentor to individuals seeking advice to prepare for IBHRE's certification programs. Dr. Jaswal is currently appointed as the Joint Secretary of Indian Heart Rhythm Society.

Promotional Campaign

In conjunction with IBHRE Day, IBHRE is launching a promotional campaign targeting nurses. The Time is Now! is a global outreach campaign designed to educate nurses on the value of IBHRE certification, its impact on patient care, and its role in career advancement. This year, IBHRE will target licensing boards to encourage them to recognize IBHRE certification for licensure purposes. If you are interested in assisting with IBHRE's initiative to reach out to nurse licensing boards, [contact Tracy Lofty](#), IBHRE's Executive Director. For more information about the campaign, go to ibhrenow.org.

Scholarship Program

In honor of IBHRE Day, the application for IBHRE's Scholarship Program will be available beginning on February 10 on ibhre.org. IBHRE will offer scholarships (a registration discount of \$800) to three allied professionals selected by IBHRE's Scholarship Review Panel. The deadline to apply is May 31st. This year's review panel will be chaired by Laurie Newmark, RN, CCDS.

Heart Rhythm 2017

Mark your calendar to visit IBHRE's Lounge and Exhibit for special events during the Heart Rhythm Scientific Sessions to be held **May 10-13, 2017 at McCormick Place in Chicago**. Details will be available soon and posted on ibhre.org. This year's Lounge will feature the IBHRE Ambassador Award presentation, Ask-the Experts session with IBHRE leaders and test writers, a focus group discussion on the value of IBHRE certification, as well as free give-a-ways,

refreshments, and networking opportunities.

Other News

New Public Member on Board Of Directors



IBHRE has filled its new public member position on its Board of Directors. Elsie Kelly of San Francisco, CA was highly recommended to serve in this position by the Citizens Advocacy Center in Washington, DC. She is a former teacher and has served on numerous community committees. She was approved by IBHRE's Board of Directors in May 2016. The public member and other Board member qualifications are outlined in [IBHRE's Bylaws](#).

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