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IBHRE News

IBHRE Welcomes New Board Member



IBHRE is pleased to welcome its newest member of the Board of Directors — **Amy Leiserowitz, RN, FHRN, CCDS**, of Iowa Heart Center, MercyOne in West Des Moines, IA USA! Ms. Leiserowitz currently serves as Co-Chair of the Device Remote Monitoring Test Writing Committee and is a member of the Pacing Test Writing Committee.

Meet the IBHRE Board of Directors

IBHRE Scholarship Recipients

IBHRE has announced the following 2021 scholarship recipients:

- **Nadia De Jager** of Cape Town, South Africa
- **Aaron Whittington** of Atlanta, Georgia, USA

The scholarship process included the submission of an application, a written endorsement by two IBHRE certified individuals as supporting documentation, and consideration of eligibility criteria by an IBHRE review panel. Submissions are evaluated based upon references, financial need, personal statement, and short-term and long-term career goals.

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Your Feedback is Requested: EP Education Survey

Are you an Allied Healthcare Professional (AHP) dedicated to the practice of Cardiac Electrophysiology? CHART Healthcare Academy is seeking feedback from AHPs, which will be used to create professional development opportunities.

ASK YOURSELF:

- What motivates me to gain a new level of competency in EP?
- What is the reward that I will achieve by obtaining my credentials?
- What value will my advancement bring to the patients and my team?
- Why is having an advanced knowledge in EP important to me?

- How will a new skill set advance my professional goals?
- Can I give back to others through mentorship and expertise?

CHART's REQUEST OF YOU:

1. Complete the 15-question survey: This survey should only take 7-8 minutes. Your submission is anonymous and will provide CHART's Job Validation Task Force with data to drive this initiative forward on behalf of the EP community.
2. Share this initiative with your friends and colleagues.

Survey closes December 31, 2021.

Take Survey



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IBHRE Community News

IBHRE Spotlight



Karine Guerrier, DO, MPH, MS, CCDS, CEPS-P

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IBHRE regularly features certified specialists by having them share their story as it relates to the value of certification. Click the button below to learn more about Dr. Guerrier.



[Learn More](#)

Celebrate IBHRE Day 2022

Mark your calendar for [IBHRE Day 2022](#) on **Monday, February 14, 2022** — a day to spread awareness, recognize CCDS and CEPS certified professionals, and provide an occasion for employers to extend their appreciation to IBHRE certified employees.

[About IBHRE Day](#)

IBHRE Certification News

IBHRE to Launch IBHRE-C3

In response to the changing certification and recertification environment, and in line with other certification organizations, the **International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners (IBHRE)** is transitioning from the option of recertification via the successful completion of the ten-year comprehensive examination to a new continuous competency certification program. This program is called **IBHRE-C3** (Continuous competency, Continuous learning, Continuous certification) and will commence in 2022.



The goal of the IBHRE-C3 program is to allow for maintenance of relevant, contemporary knowledge on a real-time basis, in keeping with current and changing patterns within heart rhythm management. In addition, certified specialists will save on the money and time normally needed for the in-person comprehensive examination.

Specialists will be encouraged to read recommended manuscripts/articles followed by the completion of ongoing assessments that support competencies listed in the certification exam content outline. IBHRE-C3 will involve the following:

- **Literature Review:** Review of recommended literature from leading medical journals (i.e. articles, manuscripts, peer reviews, consensus/guideline statements, etc.) covering topics/sub-topics related to the certification exam content outline.
- **Computer-Based Assessment:** After reviewing recommended articles, specialists will be required to complete 12 online assessments (five questions each) over a two-year period, referred to as a cycle. Specialists will be required to successfully complete the required assessments during each cycle on an ongoing basis.

The cost of the assessments is \$149 if registered for by the first year of the two-year cycle, or \$199 if registered for by the second year of the two-year cycle. Failure to successfully complete IBHRE-C3 assessment cycles will result in lapse of certification. If a specialist's certification lapses, they will once again be required to take and successfully pass the comprehensive exam to regain certification.

[Learn More About C3](#)

Specialists due to recertify 2021-2022

Will have their certification extended to **December 31, 2023**, to allow for IBHRE-C3 enrollment and participation but must indicate by December 2023 if they plan to enroll in C3. However, the first cycle must be completed by **December 31, 2023**. The option to opt-in for specialists currently certified will be available January 2022.

Specialists not enrolling in C3

Will be expected to sit for the comprehensive exam prior to their 10-year certification expiration. However, the 10-year comprehensive exam is being phased out. Certified individuals who decide to sit for the comprehensive exam will be required to enroll in C3 their third or fourth year following renewal.

Individuals earning initial certification

Beginning 2022, individuals earning their initial certification will be **required** to participate in C3; they will not have an option of the comprehensive exam. **From 2022 forward, C3 will be the only pathway to maintain certification for those newly certified.**

A more complete description of the IBHRE-C3 program (*including details regarding the assessments*) will be available on IBHRE's website in January 2022. If you have any questions, please send an email to C3@IBHRE.org.

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Are you an IBHRE-certified subject matter expert?

[Recommend articles for IBHRE-C3 here](#). (*Only complete submissions will be considered by IBHRE leadership — articles must support certification competencies*).

2022 IBHRE Exam Dates

IBHRE 2022 exam dates are as follows:

- **CCDS-JDR:** January 22, 2022
- **CEPS:** June 1-3, 2022
- **CCDS-JDR:** July 16, 2022
- **CCDS:** August 3-5, 2022
- **CEPS-A and CEPS-P:** October 19-20, 2022
- **CDRMS:** November 9-10, 2022

For additional information, visit [IBHRE's Exam Calendar](#).

Registration for the 2022 CCDS exam for allied professionals and physicians is available until **February 10, 2022**.

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