

Your Latest IBHRE News



**Welcome to Your IBHRE Source**

This digital newsletter is designed to keep you informed of IBHRE activities and related certification news. To contribute an article or for more information, please contact Tracy Lofty-Brown, IBHRE's Chief Executive Officer, at [tlofty@hrsonline.org](mailto:tlofty@hrsonline.org).

**IBHRE NEWS**

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IBHRE has had an outstanding year while celebrating its 40th anniversary. As we close out the 2025 calendar year, we sincerely thank you for your continued support of IBHRE certification.

IBHRE leadership and staff wish you a wonderful holiday season and a Happy New Year!

### **2025 Highlights**

A few highlights of the 2025 calendar year include the following:

- The Cardiac Device Remote Monitoring Specialist (CDRMS) certification program earned a five-year accreditation from the ANSI National Accreditation Board (ISO/IEC 17024).
- IBHRE had a record number of more than 500 CCDS applicants!

- Nearly 1,300 Specialists are enrolled in IBHRE-C3 (2024-2025 and 2025-2026 cycles combined)!
- IBHRE exhibited October 30-31st at the Annual Congress of the Latin American Heart Rhythm Society in Buenos Aires, Argentina!

**Note:** Please take the time to view the [40th anniversary video](#), which highlights major milestones in heart rhythm management certification.

## IBHRE LEADERSHIP

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### 2026-2028 IBHRE Strategic Plan

Interested in learning about IBHRE goals and objectives? The **2026-2028 IBHRE Strategic Plan** is now available.

[View Strategic Plan](#)

### New IBHRE Test Writing Committee Co-Chair

IBHRE welcomes **Braden Dinham, BAPPSC, CCDS, CEPS** as Co-Chair to the Device Remote Monitoring Test Writing Committee. As the Co-Chair, Braden has also been appointed to serve on the IBHRE Board of Directors.



Braden is a practicing cardiac physiologist with Queensland Health. Braden contributes to multiple advisory committees, including those focused on the design of new healthcare facilities and the development of emerging cardiology services. In addition to his clinical and advisory roles, he is actively engaged in education and training, collaborating with various organizations to support the professional development of healthcare practitioners in cardiovascular diagnostics and emergency response. He has served on IBHRE's Device Remote Monitoring Advisory Group since 2019.

### **Other Newly Appointed IBHRE Board of Directors**

IBHRE also welcomes the following new Board of Directors **Michael A. Alfieri (Public Member)** and **Dr. Nestor Lopez-Cabanillas** (President of the Latin American Heart Rhythm Society).



**Michael A. Alfieri**



**Dr. Nestor Lopez-Cabanillas**

For the complete list and professional details of the IBHRE Board of Directors, [click here](#).

## IMPORTANT REMINDERS

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### Reminder: 2024-2025 Cycle Completion Due



The deadline for the 2024–2025 IBHRE-C3 cycle is around the corner! If your certification expires December 2025, you must enroll in C3 by December 31, 2025, and complete the cycle by January 15, 2026. This is a firm deadline, and no extensions will be granted, so please plan accordingly.

**If you hold multiple certifications, remember that the C3 requirement must be completed for each one.**

Failure to meet this deadline will result in:

- Your certification becoming inactive
- Removal of your name from the IBHRE certified specialist directory

- Loss of the right to use the credential
- The only path to regain certification will be passing the comprehensive exam
- Re-enrollment in C3 is not permitted after a lapse and passing the comprehensive exam will be required to re-enroll

Check your status, enroll, and complete your requirement(s) here:

[Complete IBHRE-C3 Now](#)

If you have any questions about your cycle or need assistance, please contact us at [C3@ibhre.org](mailto:C3@ibhre.org).

### **IBHRE Scholarships Available**

Do you have an allied professional colleague interested in applying for CCDS or CEPS certification? IBHRE will award up to three scholarships next year!

The deadline to apply is **May 31, 2026**.

[Learn More](#)

### **Certification Application Fees Reduced**

**You Gave Us Your Feedback - We Listened!**

By popular demand, the fee for the [Certified Electrophysiology Specialist \(CEPS\) exam](#) for allied professionals and the Certified Cardiac Device Specialist (CCDS) exam for [physicians](#) and [allied professionals](#) has been reduced to **\$990**. This fee applies to all categories: member, non-member, first-time, retest, and/or recert.

Applications for the June 3, 2026, **CEPS** exam are being accepted **until February 12, 2026**. Click on the link below to access the CEPS online application.

[Apply Now](#)

Applications for the August 5, 2026, **CCDS** exam are being accepted **until March 5, 2026**. Click on the appropriate link below to access the CCDS online application.

[Physicians](#)

[Allied Professionals](#)

*Note: Certification expired? Re-apply today!*

**Save the Date: IBHRE Day 2026**

Please mark your calendar for IBHRE Day - **February 9, 2026**.

## IBHRE EXAM RESOURCES

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### IBHRE Exam Pearls

IBHRE has launched a new resource for individuals pursuing IBHRE certification – IBHRE Exam Pearls. Written by certified IBHRE Ambassadors, we hope to inspire others to pursue certification.



The first installment was written by Robert Alexandru, CEPS, FESC, FHRS, Chair of the IBHRE Ambassador Professional Resources Advisory Group.

### **IBHRE Exam Pearls: A Certified Professional's 2-Year Roadmap to Success**

[Read More](#)

### **IBHRE's Online Course (2.0) – Discount Ends December 31st**

Is your team preparing for the Certified Cardiac Device Specialist (CCDS) exam? Are they seeking resources? IBHRE's Cardiac Device Education and Self-Assessment Course (2.0) is available and reflects the current CCDS exam content outline. Purchase by December 31st using the promo code **IBHRE40YEARS** for a 10% discount on the enrollment fee!

[Learn More](#)

## On Demand Case Studies

Free on demand case studies are available! Offered in collaboration with IBHRE, Cardiovascular Credentialing International, and CHART Healthcare Academy, this webinar features Device and electrophysiology (EP) case studies.

[Access Now](#)

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