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## EPIC – Electrophysiologist International Community Alliance

The [EPIC Alliance](#) provides global networking, professional development and research opportunities for women electrophysiologists. Currently over 248 women electrophysiologists (EPs) and cardiac device specialists from around the world are members.

The alliance was founded in 2010 to address the low number of women working in the field. In the US, for example, only seven percent of electrophysiologists are women, according to the Heart Rhythm Society. EPIC's goal is to enrich and diversify electrophysiology through its network of women EPs at all levels of experience, creating a community of collaboration, providing opportunities for clinical research and enabling career development and leadership.

### What does the EPIC Alliance do?

Continuously improving and developing versatile skills is necessary to excel in electrophysiology. The EPIC Alliance provides members with an array of professional development opportunities:

- **Speaking:** The alliance supports members in submitting abstracts and organizing symposia at conferences.
- **Mentoring:** Experienced practitioners share their knowledge and support young and upcoming physicians.
- **Meetings and networking:** Members meet in person on global and local levels. Global meetings take place during international congresses such as HRS, Europace and ESC. Topics include the latest developments in electrophysiology, career development, leadership, mentoring, building a lab and private practice, and balancing professional and private life.

### Steering committee

- Dr. Ulrika Birgesdotter-Green – University of California, San Diego, US
- Dr. Carina Blomström-Lundqvist – Uppsala University, Sweden
- Dr. Mina Chung – Cleveland Clinic, US
- Dr. Susan Eisenberg – Arrhythmia Specialists Inc., Walnut Creek, US
- Dr. Sabine Ernst – Royal Brompton Hospital, London, UK
- Dr. Ellen Hoffmann – Heart Center Munich-Bogenhausen, Germany
- Dr. Cecilia Linde – Karolinska University, Stockholm, Sweden
- Dr. Jeanne E. Poole – University of Washington, Seattle, US
- Dr. Andrea Russo – UMDNJ/Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, Camden, US
- Dr. Maria-Grazia Bongiorno – University Hospital of Pisa, Italy

## **Who can join?**

All women electrophysiologists and EPs-in-training, as well as cardiologists with a strong interest in electrophysiology, are welcome to join.

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