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The Electrophysiologist International Community (EPIC) Alliance

As part of its commitment to contribute to trustworthy expertise across cardiology, BIOTRONIK supports the [EPIC Alliance](#), which provides global networking, professional development, and research opportunities for women electrophysiologists around the world. Over 250 female electrophysiologists (EPs) and cardiac device specialists are currently members of this global group.

The alliance was founded in 2010 to help boost the low number of women working in the field. Only 20 percent of European Heart Rhythm Association members are women, whereas the US-based Heart Rhythm Society estimates women make up just 11 percent of new electrophysiology trainees.¹ 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?

Excellence in electrophysiology requires continuously improving and developing a versatile skillset. 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 at global and local levels. Global meetings take place during international congresses such as HRS, Europace and ESC. Topics discussed 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 Bongiorni – 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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References:

¹ "Electrophysiology is not a man's world." *European Society of Cardiology*. Available online at: <https://www.escardio.org/Congresses-&-Events/EHRA-Congress/Congress-resources/News/electrophysiology-is-not-a-man-s-world>