

EHRA Newsletter



Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology Working Group – Armenia

- Armenian Cardiologists Association



National Cardiac Society Overview

- Founded: 1996 by Professor K. Adamyan
- Total members: about 500 cardiologists and fellows across Armenia and abroad

National reach and mission/vision

- Elevating cardiovascular care standards in Armenia by aligning with European Society of Cardiology (ESC) guidelines.
- Fostering continuous education, including webinars, congresses, and translating ESC guidelines into Armenian to ensure accessibility and relevance for local practitioners.
- Encouraging international collaboration, as seen in its joint sessions with the European Heart Journal and participation in ESC Congresses.
- Supporting young cardiologists through training programs, working groups, and recognition initiatives like the Karlen Adamyan Prize.

Introduction to the featured working group

- Cardiac Pacing and Electrophysiology Working Group – Armenia
- Year of establishment – 2008 by Prof. Smbat Jamalyan
- Specific area of focus (Device implantation, Ablation)
- Current leadership: Chairmen - Kartoyan Zaruhi, Arman Danoyan
- Number of active members – 25 Arrhythmologists and 4 EP specialists

Key objectives (goals)

- Enhancing clinical expertise: They aim to elevate the standard of arrhythmia care by promoting evidence-based practices and supporting the professional development of electrophysiologists and allied specialists.
- Education and training: Through workshops, seminars, and collaborations with international bodies like the European Heart Rhythm Association (EHRA), they help Armenian clinicians stay current with global advancements in pacing and electrophysiology.
- Promoting research and innovation: The group encourages local research initiatives and participation in multicenter studies, helping integrate Armenia into the broader scientific community.
- Shaping healthcare policy: By advocating for improved access to diagnostic and therapeutic technologies—such as pacemakers, ICDs, and ablation tools—they contribute to national strategies for cardiovascular care.
- Building international partnerships: Their affiliation with EHRA and participation in global forums reflect a commitment to aligning Armenia's electrophysiology landscape with international standards.

Recent Activities & Achievements

- Collaboration with the Armenian Cardiologists Association on joint initiatives. One of the key projects, *Pacemaker for Life*, is currently under active discussion with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Armenia. The program aims to ensure full implementation of pacemaker implantation under state insurance coverage
- Involvement in national health initiatives or ESC projects
 - GRASP-HF Snapshot study

Facts and Figures

- Educational events per year
 - Annual Arrhythmology Congress. Dedicated Arrhythmology Session as a Core Component of the National Cardiology Congress. Basic and advanced EKG courses for physicians and nurses
- Audience reached - about 600 physicians and health care professionals

Collaborations & Partnerships

- National partners (e.g., universities, foundations) – Yerevan State Medical University, National Institute of Health
- International collaborations – EHRA, ESC, ACC

Future Vision

- Strategic goals for the next 1–3 years
 - Creation of an atrial fibrillation registry
 - Close collaboration with EHRA and HRS for network opportunities
- Plans for growth, innovation, or cross-border collaboration
 - Epicardial ablations, cardiac genetics and research projects

Contact & Closing

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