



President's Message

Dear CHRS members,

2020 is finally behind us, and most of us are looking forward to 2021 with a sense of optimism for a return to a somewhat more normal world. This year has been difficult for many of us, with social distancing and lock downs creating isolation for many and making us appreciate the importance of being close to family and friends. This has also helped some of us realize the importance of connection to others inside our professional world as well, with the cancellation of in person meetings limiting our ability to casually connect with colleagues to keep up to date with the progress and innovations in our field. While Zoom has become a part of our lives now, it has not fully replaced the ability to be in a room with colleagues who are involved and excited about the research and technology that is continuing to advance the field of heart rhythm management.

This is where a specialty Society like the CHRS can be a way to stay connected with the profession. The CHRS has been active reaching out virtually to professionals involved in the management of patients with heart rhythm issues throughout 2020 through our website, through professional webinars aimed both at physicians and allied professionals, and through direct email regarding implanted device and ablation issues. We have started to be more involved in spreading the word of significant Canadian advances made in our field through social media and hope to expand this further this year by engaging some of our more tech savvy members to help us in this regard. The CHRS Annual Meeting moved to a virtual format in 2020 and managed to bring the community together with excellent leading edge talks by national and international experts, and kept interaction going between members across the country throughout the meeting. The excitement also extended to trainees where EP jeopardy brought together electrophysiology fellows from across Canada for an entertaining and educational experience with the same kind of energy seen at an in-person session. The virtual format opened the sessions to more people across the country who could join at the click of a mouse rather than having to move themselves across the country.

These connections to our colleagues and trainees are more important now than ever before, and I urge you to renew your membership in the CHRS for the coming year by choosing to join our society when you renew your membership in the Canadian Cardiovascular Society this year. Support of the CHRS helps to continue building our community across the country and helps to continue our communication and outreach going forward. I also encourage you to reach out to any colleagues who may not be members to consider joining this year to allow them to be involved with all our activities. As well, if you are interested in being more involved with any of the Committees such as the Ablation Committee, Device Strategy Committee, or Communications Committee, please feel free to contact me at ldsterns@gmail.com and I would be happy to get you in touch with the Chairs to see how you could help. The CHRS is also very interested to learn about presentations and publications developed by our members, please [contact us](#) and let us know what you have been up to.

Finally, I would also strongly encourage you to contact the allied professionals in your group about joining as a CHRS allied health professional. This registration allows access to all our virtual programs, access to the CHRS Annual Meeting, and also gives a discount to the Canadian Cardiovascular Congress. Allied professionals can join the CHRS directly through the CCS.ca website. Strong affiliate connections and education helps to improve the level of interest and care from our allied professional colleagues across the board.

I am wishing all of you a better 2021 than 2020, and I look forward to meeting with you virtually and hopefully in person this year as we start to conquer the challenges set before us, keep the knowledge that we have gained, and continue to work together as a stronger community.

Sincerely,



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Renew your commitment to the Canadian Heart Rhythm Society!

Your 2021 membership renewal invoice has been sent to you by email from membership@ccs.ca. You can pay your dues online through the secure MY.CCS.ca portal. To access your account, visit MY.CCS.ca. If you have any questions or concerns please email membership@ccs.ca or call 1-877-569-3407 ext. 409.

Annual Report



The CHRS Annual Report is now available!

[Click here](#) to read the report and learn more about the CHRS and our activities throughout 2020.

Highlights include information on our operational activities, published guidance documents, financial performance, and educational initiatives.

In an ongoing effort to expand member benefits, the CHRS has developed a means of recognizing the accomplishments of our members in a spotlight section in our newsletter and on our website.

Our membership is comprised of individuals who strive to continually improve the EP profession, the care of patients and best practices in the field of heart rhythm disorders. By introducing the **Member Spotlight** feature, we aim to bring attention to these achievements as they happen.

Examples of Member Spotlight features can be:

- A recent publication
- Development of a new tool
- An award recognizing an achievement
- Retirement announcement
- New degree or certification
- Your institution's initiatives
- Career moves

The CHRS Member Spotlight offers an opportunity to share your story with your colleagues. Please [contact us](#) with your submission!

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