

Dear LEADconnection member,

Lead management has made great strides in 2016, and 2017 promises some important advances in CIED care for our patients. LEADConnection.org has provided a communication platform for the Lead Management clinicians, extending discussion of difficult clinical scenarios and technical advances to Australia, Asia, North and South America, Europe, and Africa. So far, no representation on Antarctica.

Clinical data have been published representing results around the world, increasingly focused on safety, complications, and success. During 2017, HRS will publish their third consensus document on lead extraction and lead management, EHRA will publish important results from ELECTRa (detailed registry of extraction outcomes in Europe), and enrollment of over 7000 CIED procedures will complete in the largest device randomized clinical trial, WRAP-IT, with a goal of defining the world-wide incidence of infection post CIED procedure and hopefully showing how to reduce its incidence. Watch for updates online.

LEADConnection.org has provided updates for the software, permitting use on all computer platforms, tablets, and smart phones. We have had two webinars that can be accessed online and participated in web chats.

We continue to meet at HRS on Wednesday evening as a Satellite symposium sponsored by the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Oussama Wazni and I invite you to join in the clinical case discussion format, new for this year, on May 10 in Chicago. Stay tuned for more details.

What can you do? Sign on, submit your questions, give us your thoughts, and tell your colleagues to check it out. Especially tell us how you think we can improve our support of you, your clinical team, and your patients. See you at LEADConnection.org.

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Here are some LEADconnection.org statistics:

#### **CURRENT MEMBERSHIP**

**406 Members (+32% from 2015)**

-MD: 288 (71%)

-Allied: 74 (18%)

-Industry/scientist: 44 (11%)

#### **40 Countries**

#### **Society Affiliations**

-HRS: 240

-EHRA: 42

-APHRS: 26

-SOLEACE: 13

-Other: 73

#### **WEBSITE UTILIZATION DURING 2016**

**Total Pageviews: 17,665 (+40%)**

-Sessions: 5,509 (+71%)

-Users: 3,321 (+67%)

-Pages per Session: 3.17

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