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### **Biographical Sketch**

Dr. Curtis did her undergraduate training at Rutgers University in New Jersey and graduated from medical school at the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York. She completed her medical residency at Presbyterian Hospital in New York, and fellowships in cardiovascular diseases and clinical cardiac electrophysiology at Duke University Medical Center. She established the electrophysiology program at the University of Florida in Gainesville in 1986 and was Director of Clinical Electrophysiology there until 2005. She is currently Chief of Cardiology and Director of Cardiovascular Services at the University of South Florida in Tampa. She is actively involved in patient care, education of fellows and residents, and clinical research in electrophysiology and pacing. Her research career includes participation as a member of the steering committees for the Pac-a-Tach (Pacing and Atrial Tachycardia) and ABCD (Alternans Before Cardiac Defibrillator) trials, and her involvement in the AFFIRM, MIRACLE, SCD-HeFT, and COMPANION trials among others. She is currently the Principal Investigator of the Block HF trial.

On a national level, Dr. Curtis is prominently involved in a number of organizations. She is the Immediate Past President of the Heart Rhythm Society. She is currently chair of the Governance Committee, a member of the Board of Trustees and the Finance Committee and is the former chair of the Continuing Medical Education, Marketing, and Health Policy Committees.

## Areas of Expertise :

- Electrophysiologic studies
- Radiofrequency Ablation
- Pacemakers
- Implantable cardioverter defibrillators
- Resynchronization therapy
- Arrhythmia consultations

## Current Research

Alternans Before Cardioverter Defibrillator (ABCD) Trial, St. Jude Medical, Principal Investigator, Steering Committee

Registry to Promote the Use of Evidence-Based Therapies to Care for Patients With Left Ventricular Systolic Heart Failure in the Outpatient Setting (IMPROVE-HF), Medtronic, Inc., member of Scientific Steering Committee.

Biventricular Versus Right Ventricular Pacing in Heart Failure Patients With Atrioventricular Block (BLOCK HF), Medtronic, Principal Investigator

Pivotal Research in Cardiology in the Elderly (PRICE), NIH, Co-investigator

Evaluation of the Safety and Efficacy of the Optimizer System with Active Fixation Leads in Subjects with Heart Failure Resulting from Systolic Dysfunction: Fix-HF-5, Impulse Dynamics, Inc., Co-investigator

Analog versus Digital Testing for Defibrillator Implantations, Medtronic, Inc., Principal Investigator

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