



EP Working Group of the Moment: a joint initiative between the EHRA National Cardiac Societies Committee, the EHRA Young EP and E-Communications Committees

Presentation of the Norwegian EP working group



Norway

Norway has a population of app 5.4 million people (1) of which 1 million are living in the urban area of the capital Oslo. *Norway* has universal public *health* and social *insurance* coverage, known as the National *Insurance* Scheme. The Ministry of Health and Care Services has supervisory responsibility for all *hospitals in Norway* and the state owns the public hospitals which are funded as part of the national budget (2,3).

EP activity

In 2019 (from the Norwegian pacemaker and ICD registry,4) 3749 new pacemakers were implanted in 22 hospitals (from 32 to 525 per centre) which calculates to 699 implantation/million inhabitants. The CRT implantation rate was 132/million and 347 pacemaker leads were explanted.

Five centres are performing interventional electrophysiology and the national ablation registry (AblaNor) finally started in 2020 (5). Own data from 2018 show app 1800 AF (360/million), app 900 SVT and 270 VT ablations. 25 physicians performed ablations in 2020.

Norwegian EP Working Group activity



Peter Schuster, President



Trine Fink, President-Elect

The [Norwegian EP working group](#) consists of a nucleus with representatives from every University hospital and 2 additional EP physicians. The EP group is open to all cardiologists and the Board includes one president, one past president and one president elect for a period of 2 years.

The annual meeting is held during the national cardiology meeting (except in 2020).

Norwegian EP Working Group and EHRA

The Norwegian EP working group is represented within EHRA by:

- ✓ Kristina Hermann Haugaa as EHRA Secretary
- ✓ Trine Fink as EHRA National Cardiac Societies Committee member
- ✓ Hans Morten Kristiansen as EHRA Young Ambassador

The Norwegian EP working group also works consistently on adapting recent ESC/EHRA guidelines to Norway (AF guidelines undergoing).

Further Norwegian information:

1. <https://www.ssb.no/en/befolkning/statistikker/folkemengde/aar-per-1-januar>
2. <https://www.helsenorge.no/en/>
3. <https://www.regjeringen.no/en/topics/health-and-care/hospitals/id10935/>
4. <https://www.legeforeningen.no/contentassets/3a84001a3a6b42a1a94cf458a10047cf/webhjerteforum-2.2020-13-norsk-pacemaker-og-icd-statistikk-for-2019.pdf>
5. <https://www.kvalitetsregistre.no/registers/nasjonalt-register-ablasjonsbehandling-og-elektrofysiologi-i-norge-ablanor>