



## The Georgian Heart Rhythm Association (GeHRA)

### History

The Georgian Heart Rhythm Association (GeHRA) was established in 2011. It brings together specialists working in the field of heart rhythm disorders in Georgia. Our goal is to promote and spread the information about Heart Rhythm disorders, establishment of modern principles and standards of the patients care with arrhythmias in Georgia, and improvement of professional communications among the Georgian specialists. There are 21 members of the association.

Link: [www.gehra.org](http://www.gehra.org)

### GeHRA

President: Dr.Kakhaber Etsadashvili, MD

Board: Dr. Giorgi Papiashvili, MD, PhD

Dr. Irakli Giorgberidze, MD, PhD

Dr. Khatuna Jalabadze, MD

Dr. Gulnara Abuladze, MD, PhD

### Demographic Data

The current population of Georgia is 3 718 200 as of 2017. The Georgian healthcare system incorporates both public and private healthcare services. National public health system services are available to specific groups of Georgian residents. Georgia currently spends around 2.5% of its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) on healthcare. Around 45% is public expenditure and 55% is private expenditure.

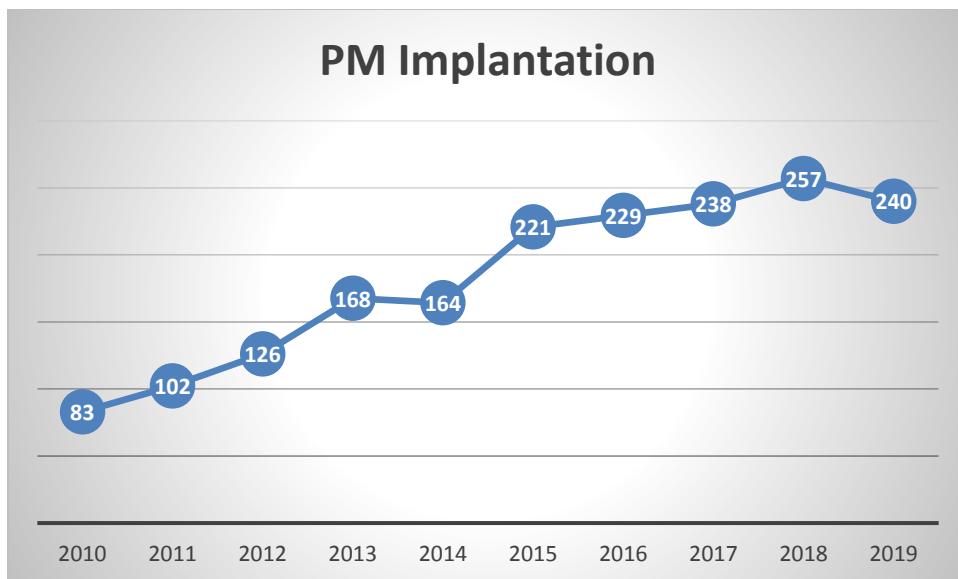
### Training in Rhythmology

In Georgia, the training in Electrophysiology lasts two years after the completion of the Fellowship in General Cardiology. The trainees undertake simultaneous training in both Cardiovascular Electrophysiology and Cardiovascular Implantable Electronic Device (CIED) therapy. The final assessment consists of a curricular evaluation and a written examination, after which the cardiologist is certified as a specialist in Arrhythmia management and Cardiac Electrophysiology.

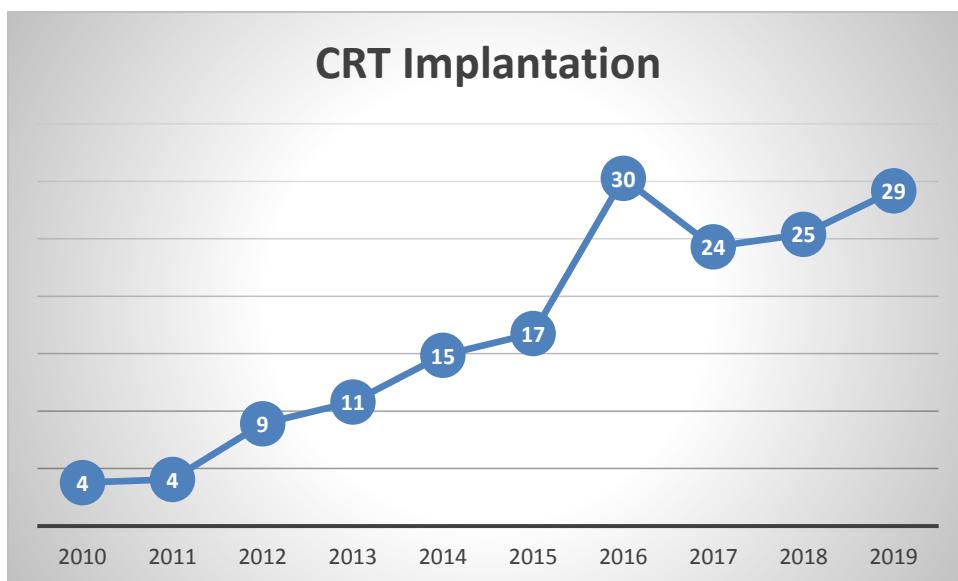
Registry data

Centers implanting devices	21
Centers performing electrophysiology and ablation procedures	12
CEID implanting physicians	15
Electrophysiologists	12
Fellows in training	1

- GeHRA PM Implantations per 1 million population

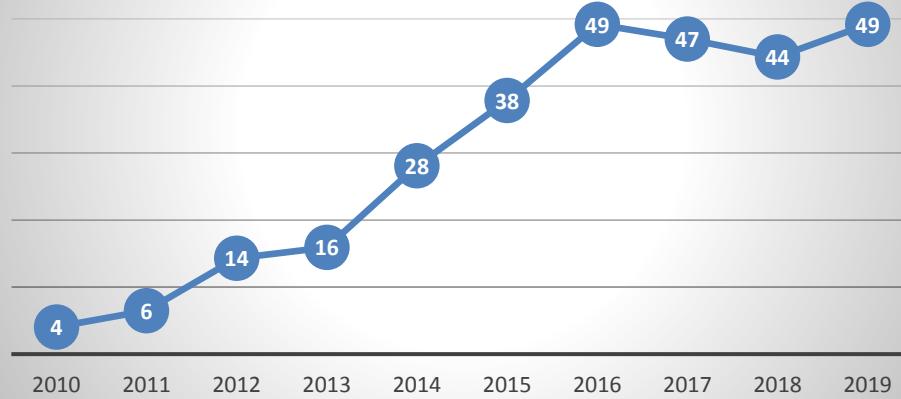


- GeHRA CRT Implantations per 1 million population



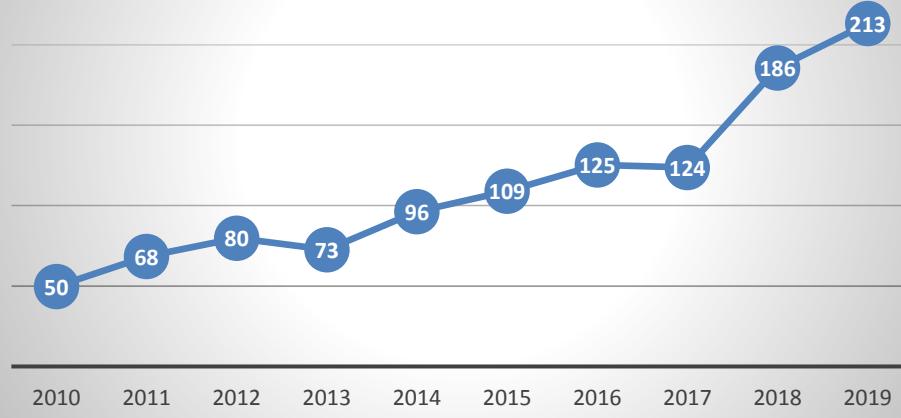
- GeHRA ICD Implantations per 1 million population

## ICD Implantation

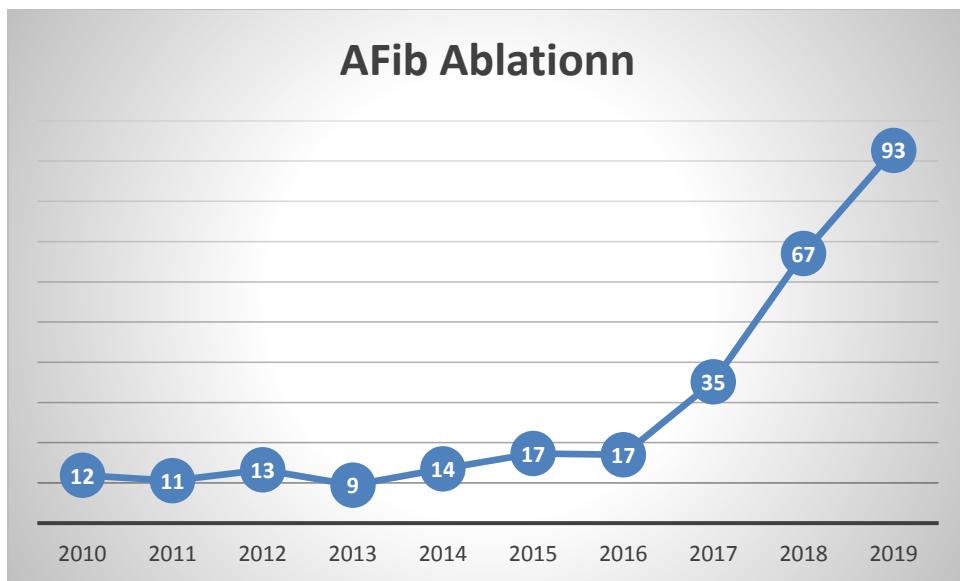


- GeHRA Ablations (without AFib Ablations) per 1 million population

## Ablation



- GeHRA Ablations (only AFib Ablations)



## Meetings

GeHRA organises regular workshops, meetings and conferences for the referral doctors. We hold a scientific session during the annual congresses organised by the Georgian Cardiology Society.

## Collaboration with EHRA

GeHRA has a close collaboration with EHRA since establishment. Four doctors completed the EHRA one-year training program in [Cardiac Electrophysiology](#). Two of our members are fully certified by EHRA.

Dr. G. Papiashvili is a member of EHRA National Cardiac Societies committee.

Dr. G. Chkhelashvili as an ambassador represents our association within the [EHRA Young EP Community](#).