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Bio

BIO

Nitish Badhwar, MD is Professor of Medicine and Director of Cardiac Electrophysiology Training Program at Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Badhwar received his medical degree from Maulana Azad Medical College (University of Delhi, India). After completing his internal medicine training from New York Hospital of Queens (affiliated with Cornell Medical School), he worked as faculty in the Department of Medicine at Hospital of St. Raphael (Yale University School of Medicine). He completed Cardiac Electrophysiology training at UCSF with Dr. Scheinman. After being on faculty at UCSF for 15 years he recently joined the Arrhythmia Service at Stanford Hospital. He is a Fellow of American College of Cardiology and Heart Rhythm Society. He has been named best doctor in cardiac electrophysiology in San Francisco Magazine since 2015 (2015-2025). This is nominated by his peers. He is the recipient of Excellence in Teaching award by UCSF Academy of Medical Educators in 2015, ACC Distinguished Teacher Award in 2024 and Heart Rhythm Society Distinguished Teacher Award in 2026. He is an invited speaker at prestigious international meetings including Oriental Congress of Cardiology (OCC) in Shanghai, China; Cardiostim EHRA /Europace in Nice, France; Asia Pacific Heart Rhythm Society (APHRS) in Seoul, S Korea; American Heart Association Annual Scientific Session in New Orleans, LA and Indian Heart Rhythm Society in New Delhi, India.

Clinical Interest: Dr. Badhwar's clinical interest is in complex catheter ablation procedures including mapping and ventricular tachycardia (VT), atrial fibrillation (AF) and supraventricular tachycardia (SVT) including junctional variants of SVT. He started the epicardial ablation program at UCSF and also worked with Dr. Randall Lee to perform the first percutaneous epicardial left atrial appendage (LAA) ligation in the Bay Area in patients with atrial fibrillation. He has also differentiated himself in the field of electrophysiology by performing hybrid procedures with CT surgeons in patients with AF and VT. He is also involved in device implantation including pacemakers, ICD and biventricular pacing for heart failure.

Research Interest: Dr. Badhwar has published electrophysiologic characteristics of SVTs including atrial tachycardia arising from the coronary sinus musculature, para-hisian atrial tachycardia, left sided AVNRT, junctional tachycardia and nodofascicular tachycardia. He has also published on the use of nuclear medicine (ERNA) in assessing left ventricular dyssynchrony as well as optimal pacing sties in patients with heart failure requiring biventricular pacing. He has described the unique clinical characteristics of epicardial idiopathic VT arising from the cardiac crux and septal fascicular VT. He has

also published clinical outcomes of combining LAA ligation with catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation (first in human percutaneous closed chested Maze procedure) and participated in multi-center randomized trials of hybrid AF ablation (DEEP trial and aMAZE trial). He was part of the VINTAGE project that used novel technique for ablation of intramural deep septal VT.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Heart Rhythm Disorders
- Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Professor, Medicine - Cardiovascular Medicine
- Member, Cardiovascular Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Director, Cardiac Electrophysiology Training Program, Stanford University School of Medicine, (2018- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Distinguished Teacher of the Year, American College of Cardiology (April, 2024)
- Distinguished Teacher of the Year, Heart Rhythm Society (April, 2026)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Cardiovascular Disease, American Board of Internal Medicine (2023)
- Fellowship: UCSF Dept of Cardiology (2003) CA
- Board Certification: Clinical Cardiac Electrophysiology, American Board of Internal Medicine (2003)
- Fellowship: LSU Health Sciences Center - Shreveport (2001) LA
- Residency: New York Hospital Queens (1996) NY
- Medical Education: Maulana Azad Medical College (1993) India

Research & Scholarship

CLINICAL TRIALS

- aMAZE Study: LAA Ligation Adjunctive to PVI for Persistent or Longstanding Persistent Atrial Fibrillation, Not Recruiting
- Pivotal Study Of A Dual Epicardial & Endocardial Procedure (DEEP) Approach, Not Recruiting

Teaching

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Cardiac Electrophysiology (Fellowship Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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2021
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Narayan, S. M., Badhwar, N. n.
2021
- **Open-Chest Ablation of Incessant Ventricular Tachycardia During Left Ventricular Assist Device Implantation.** *JACC. Clinical electrophysiology*
Shah, R. L., Hiesinger, W., Badhwar, N.
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- **Long-term outcomes of ablation for ventricular arrhythmias in mitral valve prolapse.** *Journal of interventional cardiac electrophysiology : an international journal of arrhythmias and pacing*
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2020
- **Approach to narrow complex tachycardia: non-invasive guide to interpretation and management.** *Heart (British Cardiac Society)*
Shah, R. L., Badhwar, N.
2020
- **Long-term clinical outcomes from real-world experience of left atrial appendage exclusion with LARIAT device.** *Journal of cardiovascular electrophysiology*
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- **Effect of Catheter Ablation vs Medical Therapy on Quality of Life Among Patients With Atrial Fibrillation The CABANA Randomized Clinical Trial** *JAMA-JOURNAL OF THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*
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- **Clinical/Electrophysiological Characteristics of Infra-Nodal Wenckebach in Patients with Indication for Permanent Ventricular Pacing: A Prospective Study.** *Heart rhythm*
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- **SIMULTANEOUS EPICARDIAL AND ENDOCARDIAL MAPPING OF POSTERIOR LEFT ATRIUM DURING SINUS RHYTHM AND ATRIAL FIBRILLATION IN PATIENTS WITH PERSISTENT ATRIAL FIBRILLATION**
Badhwar, N., Wong, C. X., Alvarez, C., Lee, A., Beygui, R. E., Lee, R. J.
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- **NOVEL ECG CRITERIA TO GUIDE SUCCESSFUL ABLATION OF VENTRICULAR ARRHYTHMIAS ARISING FROM THE ENDOCARDIAL CARDIAC CRUX**
Badhwar, N., Johnson, C. J., Bhatia, N. K., Perez, M., Perino, A., Viswanathan, M., De laochelliere, H.
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