



BIOGRAPHY

Shih-Ann Chen, MD, is Professor of Medicine at National Yang Ming School of Medicine in Taipei, Taiwan. He is also Director of the Cardiac Electrophysiology Laboratory, Taipei Veterans General Hospital, in Taipei, Taiwan. Dr. Chen received his MD from Kaohsiung Medical University in Taiwan, where he also completed his internship. He was a residency in medicine, and a fellow in cardiology at Taipei Veterans General Hospital. Dr. Chen is board-certified by the Taiwan Society of Internal Medicine and

Taiwan Cardiac Society with a subspecialty in cardiovascular disease, and is a diplomate in cardiac electrophysiology. Honors bestowed upon Dr. Chen include several visiting professor in the world University Hospital, and more than 140 special lecture in the international conferences.

Dr. Chen is past chairman of the Taiwan Cardiac Society Committee of Pacing and Electrophysiology. He is also active in numerous other professional organizations including Fellow of American Heart Association, American College of Cardiology, European Society of Cardiology, and Heart Rhythm. Currently on the editorial board of more than 10 international leading journals, including *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*, *Journal of Cardiovascular Electrophysiology*, *Pacing and Clinical Electrophysiology*, *Journal of Interventional Cardiac Electrophysiology*, and *Heart Rhythm*.

In his 20-year period of work in arrhythmology, Dr. Chen is also extensively published more than 50 articles in the most high-ranking journals such as *Circulation* (SCI impact factor 11.632) and *Journal of the American College of Cardiology* (SCI impact factor 9.200). He is author or co-author of over 300 original articles, review, and editorials articles, and more than 20 book chapters. His most outstanding academic achievement is investigation of the pathophysiology of focal atrial tachycardia, thoracic veins as atrial fibrillation initiator, and ablation technique for atrial fibrillation. He is one of the two pioneers in the world working on catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation. Further, he is the first person in the world to edit the textbook of “Thoracic Vein Arrhythmia”, which provides the novel concept of atrial fibrillation in the modern era of interventional electrophysiology.

In 2006, he is appointed as the honorary chairman of 8th Asia-Pacific Symposium of Pacing and Electrophysiology, chairman of the writing group for atrial fibrillation mechanism in the International Guideline of Atrial Fibrillation Ablation, chairman of the writing group for pathophysiology of atrial fibrillation in the Venice Chapter---Guideline of Atrial Fibrillation Ablation. Furthermore, he is the founder and the course director of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Asia-Pacific Atrial Fibrillation Symposium (2005-2007).