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Prof Linker was President of the British Heart Rhythm Society from 2014 – 2017. He was integral in developing standards for implantable cardiac devices, electrophysiology and lead extraction and developed guidelines on MR scanning in patients with cardiac devices, peri-operative management of cardiac devices and end of life care pathways for cardiac device patients.

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