

**COUNCIL ON CLINICAL CARDIOLOGY  
WOMEN IN CARDIOLOGY COMMITTEE (WIC)  
COMMISSION**

**Purpose:**

The mission of the Committee on Women In Cardiology of the Council on Clinical Cardiology is: To increase the participation of women in the Council and the Association; to increase leadership roles of women in the Council and the Association and to encourage women to enter the field of cardiology.

**Reports To:**

Council on Clinical Cardiology Chair  
Council on Clinical Cardiology Leadership Committee

**Committee Membership:**

The Committee shall be made up of a Chair, Vice Chair, and up to six members, one of which shall be Trainee Award of Excellence recipient from the previous year.

**Method of Selection:**

The Council Chair, in consultation with the Council Vice Chair and Committee Chair shall appoint Committee members and Chairs as terms expire.

**Term of Service:**

Members shall serve two-year terms beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>, and shall serve no more than two terms. Terms shall be staggered for continuity.

**Member Commitment:**

The Committee shall meet twice per year via face-to-face or teleconference as determined by Committee, Council, and American Heart Association leadership. In addition, there may be a need for teleconferences between biannual meetings. Time commitment will vary, but should not exceed an average of three to five hours per month.

**Committee Responsibilities:**

- Increase membership of women in the Council on Clinical Cardiology and the AHA.
- Increase the number of women involved in decision-making processes of the Council and AHA.
- Encourage women medical students and residents to choose cardiology as a career.
- Encourage more women to pursue research careers.
- Support the career development of women cardiologists in training.

**Chairperson's Responsibilities:**

- Assist AHA staff in the development of meeting agendas and minutes.
- Preside over Committee meetings.
- Manage and monitor ongoing Committee activities.
- Assign responsibilities to Committee members as needed.
- Attend two annual Leadership Committee meetings and present the Committee report.