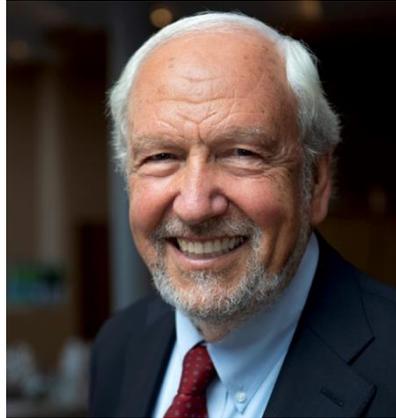


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CAPE HEART INSTITUTE RESEARCH MEETING

“Genes and sudden death: a Smorgasbord”



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His major areas of interest and expertise are the relationship between the autonomic nervous system and life-threatening arrhythmias, long QT syndrome, of which he is recognized as the leading expert, and risk stratification for sudden death.

He received numerous prestigious awards, among which the “Fondation Lefoulon-Delalande-Institut de France Grand Prix Scientifique” (2019), and the ESC Gold Medal (2024). He is the only European investigator funded by the NIH, without interruption, from 1974 to 2017. Prof. Schwartz is the author of more than 1650 publications, and his current h-index is 143 (source: Scopus – Jan 26, 2026) - 164 (source: Google Scholar – Jan 26, 2026).

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