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Dr. Elkayam has been Principal Investigator or Co-investigator for more than 100 self-initiated National Institutes of Health and industry funded research projects, including many seminal clinical trials on heart failure. His research contributions have included the description of negative inotropic effect of dihydropyridine calcium antagonists; hemodynamic effects of nitrates; incidence, mechanisms, and prevention of nitrate resistance; use of vasodilators in managing acute heart failure; effect of low-dose dopamine, nesiritide, and adenosine on renal blood flow; description of renal and coronary endothelial function in patients with heart failure; and the clinical profile of peripartum cardiomyopathy in the United States. Dr. Elkayam is the author or coauthor of more than 200 articles, abstracts, editorials, and reviews as well as 80 book chapters on these and related topics. His articles and abstracts are published in prestigious, peer-reviewed scientific journals, including *Circulation*, *New England Journal of Medicine*, *Annals of Internal Medicine*, and *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. He is a member of the editorial boards for *American Journal of Cardiology*, *Journal of the American College of Cardiology Heart Failure*, *Cardiology*, *Journal of Cardiovascular Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, and *Cardiology in Review*. Dr. Elkayam is Co-editor of the books Cardiac Problems in Pregnancy and Principle and Practice of Medical Therapy in Pregnancy. A sought-after speaker, he has delivered many local, regional, national, and international presentations in his field.

Dr. Elkayam is Former Chairman of the Heart Failure Society of America Corporate Affairs Committee, Former Chairman of the First Pan American Heart Failure Congress, and a former member of the Heart Failure Society of America Executive Council.

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Dr. Elkayam is the recipient of the International Academy of Cardiology Eighth World Congress Melvin L. Marcus Memorial Award for his distinguished contributions as a gifted teacher, University of Southern California Richard H. Paul, MD, Maternal-Fetal Medicine Distinguished Teaching Award, International Academy of Cardiology Distinguished Fellowship Award, University of Southern California Division of Cardiology Golden Apple Teaching Award, and Save A Heart Foundation Lifetime Achievement Award. Dr. Elkayam is listed in "Best Doctors in America" and "America's Top Doctors."