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## **Dr. Yuanna Cheng Named Chief of CSR's Surgical Sciences, Biomedical Imaging, and Bioengineering Integrated Review Group**

The Center for Scientific Review (CSR) at the National Institutes of Health has named Dr. Yuanna Cheng to be the new Chief of its Surgical Sciences, Biomedical Imaging, and Bioengineering ([SBIB](#)) Integrated Review Group (IRG). She is the Acting Chief of the SBIB IRG and previously served as the Scientific Review Officer for CSR's Clinical and Integrative Cardiovascular Sciences Study Section and the Electrical Signaling, Ion Transport, and Arrhythmias Study Section.



"Since coming to CSR in 2011, Yuanna has demonstrated a keen ability to understand, communicate and implement policy to drive the highest quality of review," said Acting CSR Director Dr. Noni Byrnes. "She is a member of the CSR's Best Practices Committee and has been a key resource for CSR leadership in the implementation of the new NIH clinical trials policies." Dr. Byrnes also noted that Dr. Cheng is well-suited to lead this important IRG due to her broad clinical background along with her research experience in using advanced imaging modalities and her previous involvement in training the next generation of biomedical engineers.

As SBIB Chief, Dr. Cheng will oversee six standing study sections and numerous special emphasis panels that review a broad range of NIH grant applications to fund research grants that address topics in imaging, surgery and bioengineering.

Dr. Cheng received an M.D. in Medicine at Tongji Medical University in China and a Ph.D. in physiology at the Medical College of Oita in Japan. This was followed by a postdoctoral fellowship in the Division of Cardiology at the University of Pittsburgh. She was then recruited to the Cleveland Clinic, where her research focused increasingly on translational aspects of cardiac electrophysiology. Before joining CSR, Dr. Cheng was an associate staff in the Department of Cardiovascular Medicine and Department of Molecular Cardiology at Cleveland Clinic as well as an adjunct associate professor in the Department of Biomedical Engineering at Case Western Reserve University.

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CSR organizes the peer review groups that evaluate most of the grant applications submitted to NIH. These groups include experienced and respected researchers from across the country and abroad. Since 1946, CSR's mission has been to see that NIH grant applications receive fair, independent, expert, and timely reviews — free from inappropriate influences — so NIH can fund the most promising research. CSR also receives all incoming applications and assigns them to the NIH institutes and centers that fund grants. For more information, go to CSR's Web site—<http://www.csr.nih.gov>—or phone 301-435-1111.

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