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Ben Freedman is Deputy Director Cardiovascular Strategy at Sydney's Heart Research Institute and Charles Perkins Centre. He is Professor of Cardiology at the University of Sydney and former head of Department of Cardiology Concord Hospital. He is also Adjunct Professor in the School of Public Health & Preventive Medicine at Monash University, Honorary Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne and Visiting Professor and Lui Che Woo Distinguished Professor at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. He was Deputy Dean of Sydney Medical School for 9 years from 2003-12, and received the Faculty's inaugural Distinguished Service Award in 2012. His major research interest focus is stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation, and in particular the role of screening for AF. In 2015 he formed the AF-SCREEN International Collaboration which now has 160 members from 36 countries, including many of the foremost names in AF research, and recently produced an important white paper on screening for AF which he led. He has authored over 220 publications, with over 7,500 citations. In 2002 he was scientific chairman of the successful World Congress of Cardiology. For many years he has been on the editorial board and regular interviewer for ACCEL, the continuing education vehicle of the American College of Cardiology. In 2011 he was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for service to medicine as a clinician, educator and researcher.