



## Ablation Feature: Answers to Frequently Asked Questions

### 1. What data elements are captured?

There are four principle categories of elements that are captured: Pre-ablation Diagnosis and Evaluation, Ablation Procedure, Complications, and Post Ablation 180-Day follow-up information. More detailed information can be found on the data elements fact sheet.

### 2. Is this a separate program from the existing Get With The Guidelines-AFIB?

No. It is a new feature that has been added to the existing program to make Get With The Guidelines-AFIB a comprehensive quality improvement tool.

### 3. How do I get enrolled in the program?

For existing Get With The Guidelines-AFIB users, you only need to contact the Quintiles Help Desk and ask them to have it turned on for you.

For organizations currently not participating in Get With The Guidelines-AFIB, please contact your local quality improvement representative to enroll.

### 4. Who can enroll in the program?

Get With The Guidelines-AFIB is a hospital-based program. Even though clinics and physician practices may want to use the program, enrollment requires a hospital to be the principle party to the agreement with AHA.

### 5. What is the additional cost of the ablation feature?

There is no additional charge for the ablation feature. Existing Get With The Guidelines-AFIB users only need to activate the new feature. For organizations not currently participating in Get With The Guidelines-AFIB, the annual enrollment fee is approximately \$2,000 per year. Please check with your local quality improvement representative for potential grant funding to offset the cost.

### 6. What are some of the benefits of the ablation feature being part of Get With The Guidelines-AFIB?

Some major benefits include the ability to benchmark care and outcomes against other centers including recently published quality measures for catheter ablation, including acute procedural safety. Other benefits include research capabilities, customizable filter options to break out individual clinician or service results, patient level reports and all the other resources that Get With The Guidelines-AFib offers.

### 7. What is a major advantage to this ablation feature addition?

One of the principle features is the Post-Ablation 180-Day Follow-Up Form. This form will allow centers to track valuable follow-up information 180 to 270 days post-ablation. Additional information about this form can be found in the Data Elements document.