

# AFIB

## ATRIAL FIBRILLATION ABLATION FEATURE FACT SHEET

Catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation (AFib) is increasingly being used as a means of achieving and maintaining sinus rhythm in patients who have either failed or are poor candidates for antiarrhythmic drugs. To continue to improve quality of care for patients with AFib, Get With The Guidelines-AFIB has added a catheter ablation feature that provides medical teams tools and resources to track and benchmark this procedure. The feature will be offered at no additional cost to hospitals participating in Get With The Guidelines-AFIB and will include a 180-day follow-up form to measure post-ablation outcomes.

### SAMPLE DATA ELEMENTS

- **Pre-ablation Diagnosis and Evaluation**
  - Indications and symptoms
  - Modified EHRA Symptoms Score
  - Prior ablations
  - Left atrial diameter
  - Peri-procedural anticoagulation strategy
- **Ablation Procedure**
  - Anesthesia used during the procedure
  - Energy and catheter type used
  - Imaging/Mapping used
  - Trans-septal approach used for the procedure
  - Procedure date and time
  - Ablation technique
  - Ablation endpoints achieved
  - Provocation testing
- **Complications**
  - Complications noted during and post-procedure

### POST-ABLATION 180-DAY FOLLOW-UP FORM

- Adverse events
- Rehospitalization for complications
- Arrhythmia related hospitalizations
- Cardioversion
- Recurrence of clinical arrhythmia (electrocardiographically/EGM confirmed)
- Changes in medical therapy
- Current cardiac medications including antiarrhythmics and antithrombotic therapy
- Repeat ablation (clinical arrhythmia)
- Symptoms of recurrent arrhythmia

### GET WITH THE GUIDELINES - AFIB

Get With The Guidelines-AFIB draws from the American Heart Association's vast collection of content-rich resources for patients and healthcare professionals, including educational tools, treatment guidelines and quality initiatives.

To learn more about Get With The Guidelines-AFIB and the ablation feature [go to Heart.org/FocusOnAFib](http://Heart.org/FocusOnAFib).