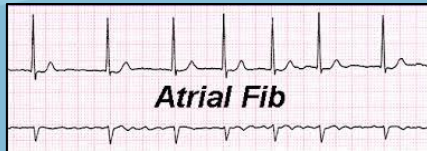


# Lignes directrices canadiennes 2020 pour le traitement de la fibrillation auriculaire

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# Objectifs

- 1) Connaître les nouveautés en détection de la fibrillation auriculaire (FA).
- 2) Revoir les recommandations sur l'anticoagulation chez les patients avec FA.
- 3) Maîtriser la prise en charge et le contrôle du rythme chez les patients avec FA.



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## Society Guidelines

# The 2020 Canadian Cardiovascular Society/Canadian Heart Rhythm Society Comprehensive Guidelines for the Management of Atrial Fibrillation

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- ➔ **80 241 mots**
- ➔ **130 recommandations**
- ➔ **885 références**



# Classification de la fibrillation auriculaire (FA)

**Table 4** Classification of AF

AF pattern	Definition
<b>First diagnosed</b>	AF not diagnosed before, irrespective of its duration or the presence/severity of AF-related symptoms.
<b>Paroxysmal</b>	AF that terminates spontaneously or with intervention within 7 days of onset.
<b>Persistent</b>	AF that is continuously sustained beyond 7 days, including episodes terminated by cardioversion (drugs or electrical cardioversion) after $\geq 7$ days
<b>Long-standing persistent</b>	Continuous AF of >12 months' duration when decided to adopt a rhythm control strategy.
<b>Permanent</b>	AF that is accepted by the patient and physician, and no further attempts to restore/maintain sinus rhythm will be undertaken. Permanent AF represents a therapeutic attitude of the patient and physician rather than an inherent pathophysiological attribute of AF, and the term should not be used in the context of a rhythm control strategy with antiarrhythmic drug therapy or AF ablation. Should a rhythm control strategy be adopted, the arrhythmia would be re-classified as 'long-standing persistent AF'.
<b>Terminology that should be abandoned</b>	
<b>Lone AF</b>	A historical descriptor. Increasing knowledge about the pathophysiology of AF shows that in every patient a cause is present. Hence, this term is potentially confusing and should be abandoned. <sup>147</sup>
<b>Valvular/non-valvular AF</b>	Differentiates patients with moderate/severe mitral stenosis and those with mechanical prosthetic heart valve(s) from other patients with AF, but may be confusing <sup>148</sup> and should not be used.
<b>Chronic AF</b>	Has variable definitions and should not be used to describe populations of AF patients.

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**FA sous-clinique:** FA asymptomatique de courte durée détectée par un enregistrement continu de longue durée (i.e. stimulateur cardiaque).



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## Clinical Presentation



Asymptomatic or Silent (!)



Symptomatic

Palpitations, dyspnoea, fatigue,  
Chest tightness/pain, poor effort tolerance, dizziness, syncope, disordered sleep, etc.

**Haemodynamically unstable**

- Syncope
- Symptomatic hypotension
- Acute HF, pulmonary oedema
- Ongoing myocardial ischaemia
- Cardiogenic shock

**Haemodynamically stable**

## AF-related OUTCOMES

AF-Related Outcome	Frequency in AF	Mechanism(s)
 Death	1.5 - 3.5 fold increase	Excess mortality related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HF, comorbidities</li> <li>• Stroke</li> </ul>
 Stroke	20-30% of all ischaemic strokes, 10% of cryptogenic strokes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cardioembolic, or</li> <li>• Related to comorbid vascular atheroma</li> </ul>
 LV dysfunction / Heart failure	In 20-30% of AF patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excessive ventricular rate</li> <li>• Irregular ventricular contractions</li> <li>• A primary underlying cause of AF</li> </ul>
 Cognitive decline / Vascular dementia	HR 1.4 / 1.6 (irrespective of stroke history)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brain white matter lesions, inflammation,</li> <li>• Hypoperfusion,</li> <li>• Micro-embolism</li> </ul>
 Depression	Depression in 16-20% (even suicidal ideation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Severe symptoms and decreased QoL</li> <li>• Drug side effects</li> </ul>
 Impaired quality of life	>60% of patients	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Related to AF burden, comorbidities, psychological functioning and medication</li> <li>• Distressed personality type</li> </ul>
 Hospitalizations	10-40% annual hospitalization rate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AF management, related to HF, MI or AF related symptoms</li> <li>• Treatment-associated complications</li> </ul>



# DÉPISTAGE DE LA FIBRILLATION AURICULAIRE



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# Pourquoi le dépistage de la FA?

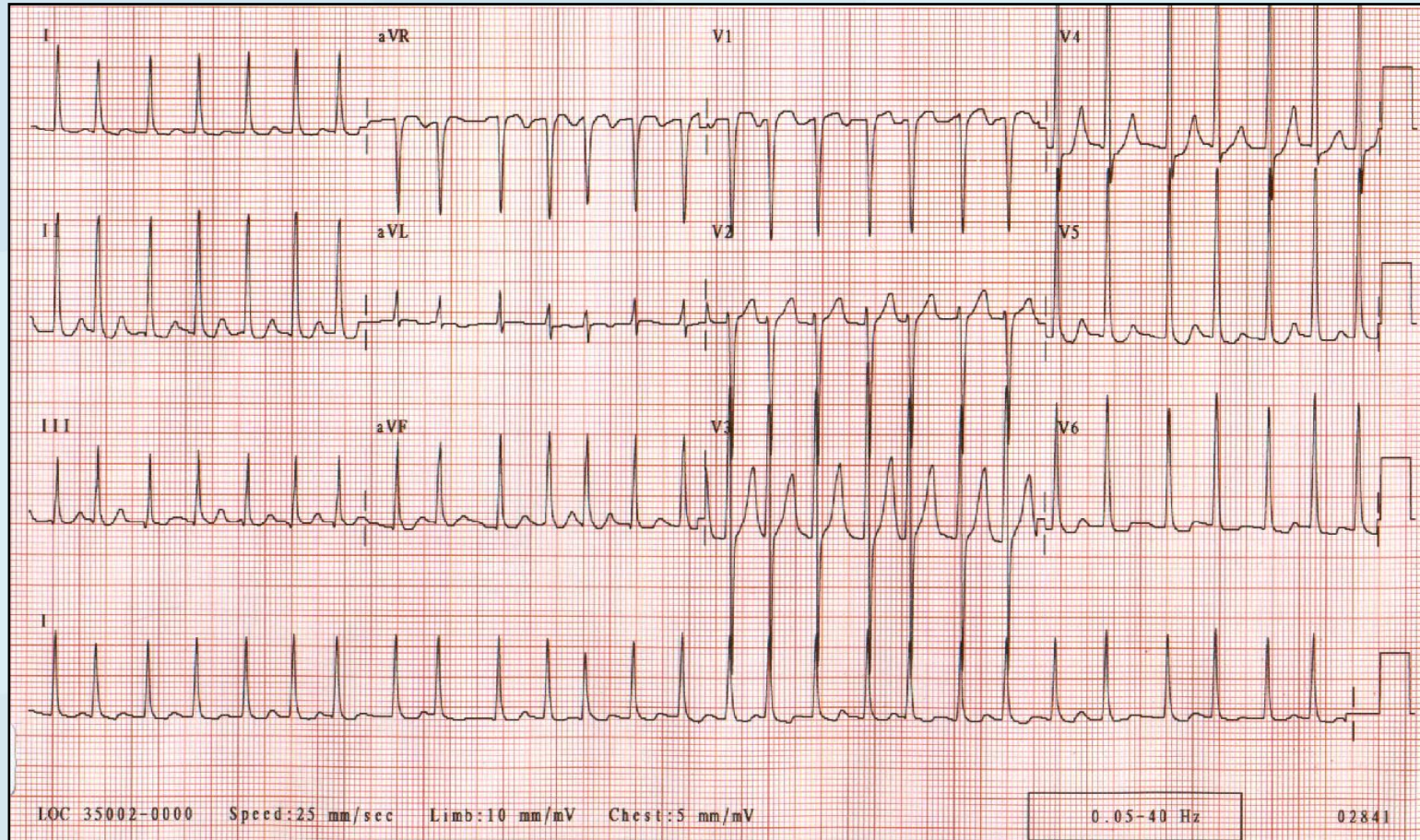
- La FA est souvent asymptomatique.
- La FA est souvent intermittente et imprévisible.
- La FA peut être d'une durée courte (fardeau faible).
- La FA intermittente et asymptomatique a des conséquences importantes de morbidité et de mortalité.















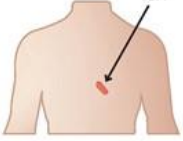
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# ECG – rendement diagnostique faible (2%)

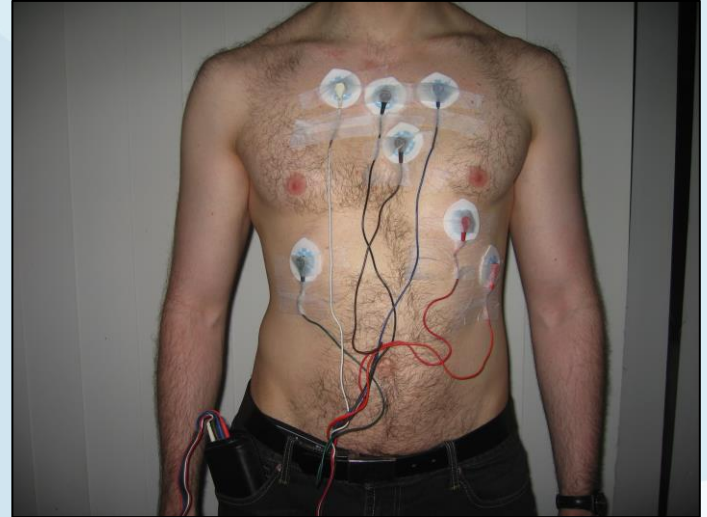


# Outils diagnostics pour détecter la FA

 <p>Patient initiated (or medical professional) oscillometric blood pressure cuff</p>	 <p>Pulse palpitation, auscultation</p>	 
 <p>Patient initiated photoplethysmogram on smartphone</p>	 <p>Semi-continuous photoplethysmogram on a smartwatch or wearable</p>	 <p>Patient initiated (or medical professional) intermittent ECG rhythm strip using smartphone or dedicated connectable device</p>
 <p>Intermittent smartwatch ECG initiated by semi-continuous photoplethysmogram with prompt notification of irregular rhythm or symptoms</p>	 <p>Wearable belts for continuous recordings</p>	 <p>Stroke unit/in hospital telemetry monitoring</p>
 <p>Long-term Holter</p>	 <p>1-2 week continuous ECG patches</p>	 <p>Implantable cardiac monitors</p>

# Holter

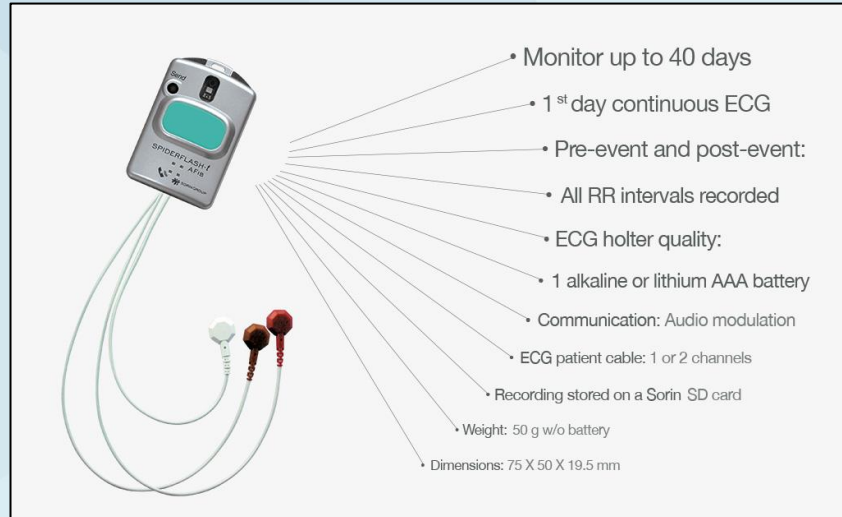
- Plusieurs électrodes avec information sur 2-3 dérivées.
- Indications:
  - Patients avec symptômes fréquents.
  - Quantification précise des arythmies.
- Points positifs:
  - Enregistrement complet pour 24 à 48 heures.
  - Graphiques de la fréquence cardiaque en FA.
  - Fardeau d'arythmie.
- Points négatifs:
  - Courte durée.
  - Nécessite retrait du Holter pour analyse et résultats parfois tardifs.
- Sensibilité diagnostique:
  - Faible sensibilité pour les symptômes intermittents ou la syncope (<5% à 13%).



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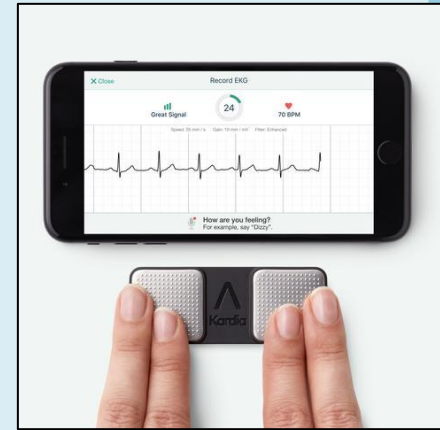
# Moniteur d'événements (Spider Flash)

- Enregistrement avec un algorithme de détection automatique:
  - Rythme irrégulièrement irrégulier.
  - FC lente et rapide.
- Activation automatique et par le patient.
- Sensibilité = 36%.



# Moniteur d'événements (déclenché par le patient)

- Téléphone intelligent avec application Kardia (AliveCor).
  - Excellente sensibilité.
  - Points négatifs
    - Manque les arythmies de courte durée.
    - Coût = 99\$ (1 dérivée) à 179\$ (6 dérivées).
- Apple Watch avec app ECG (à partir de la série 4).
  - Sensibilité >90%.
  - Coût = À partir de 529\$.

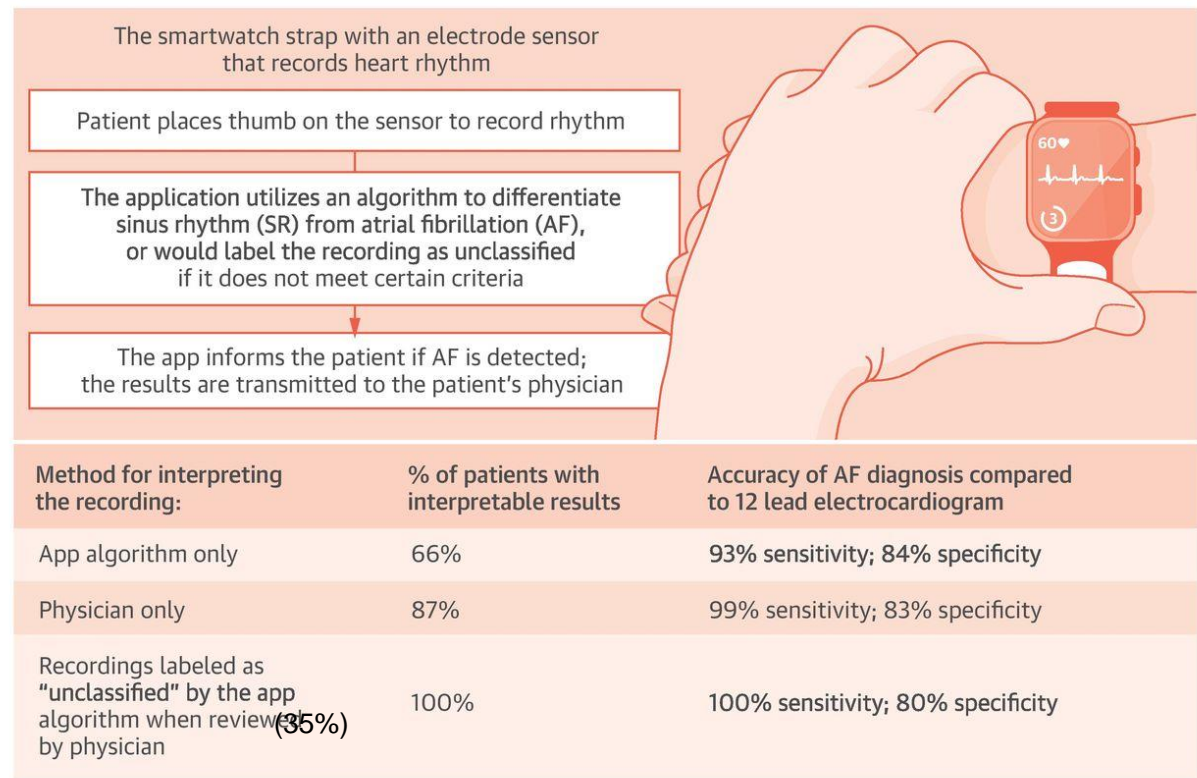


- Fitbit



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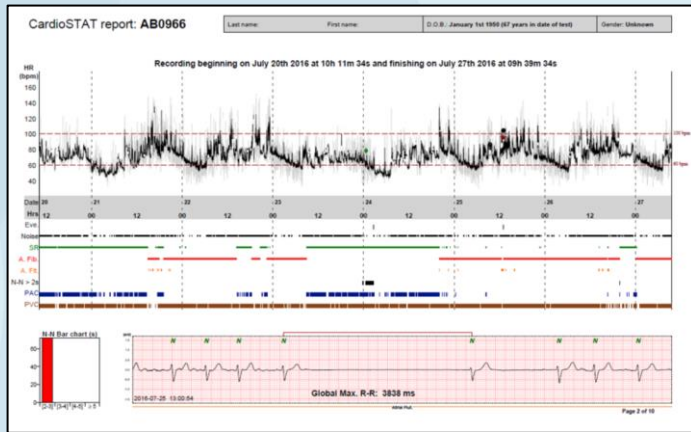
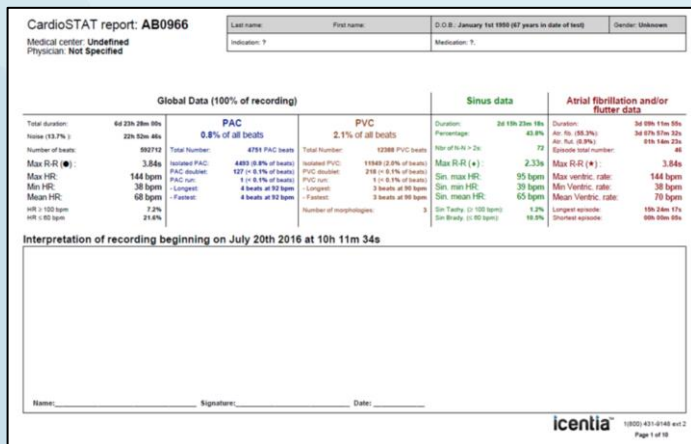
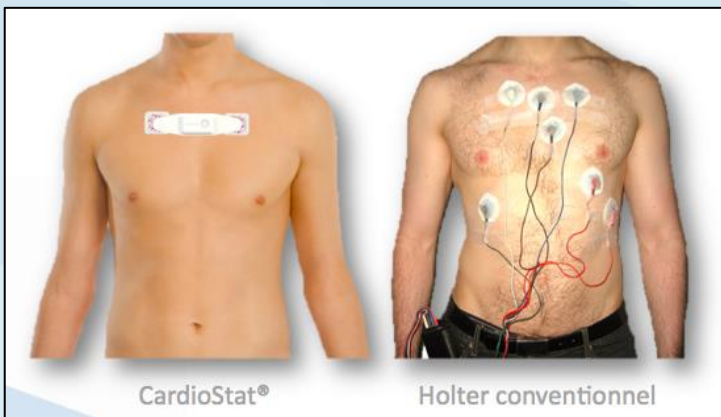


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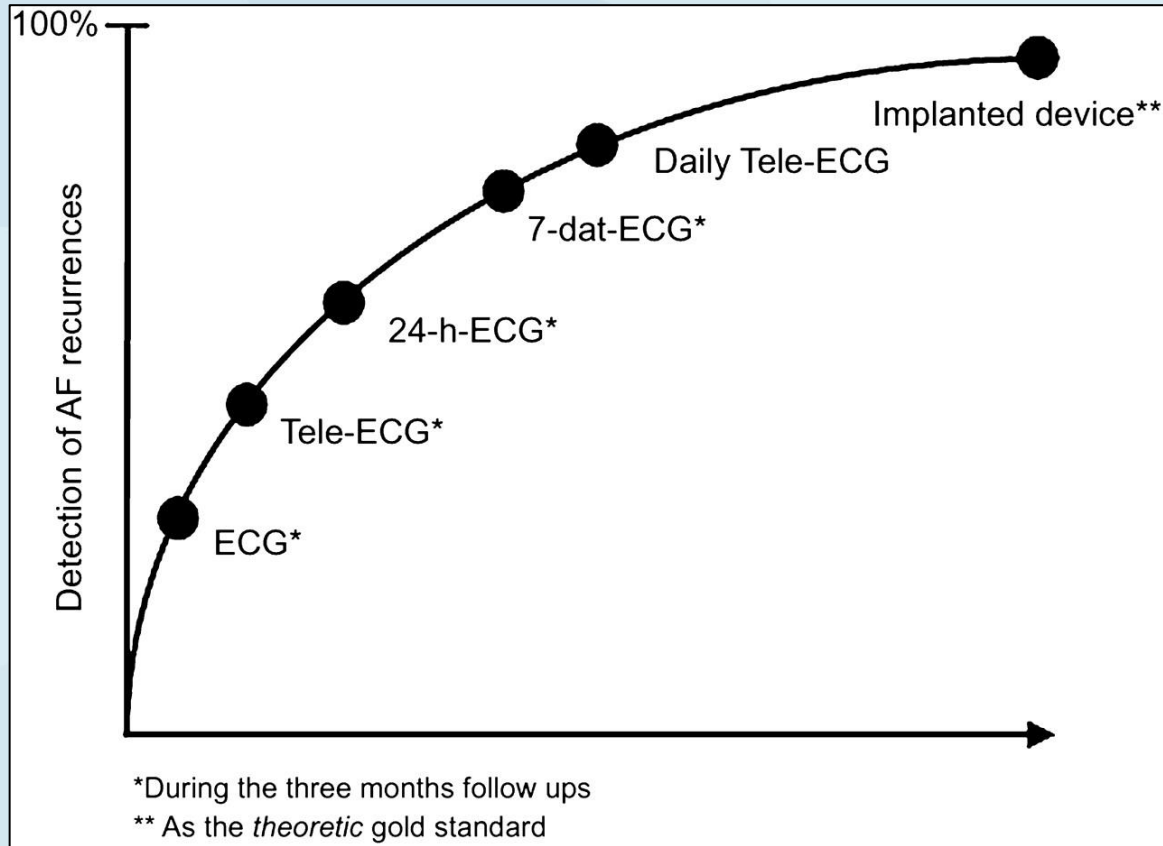


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# Moniteur d'événements (CardioSTAT)



# Détection de la FA

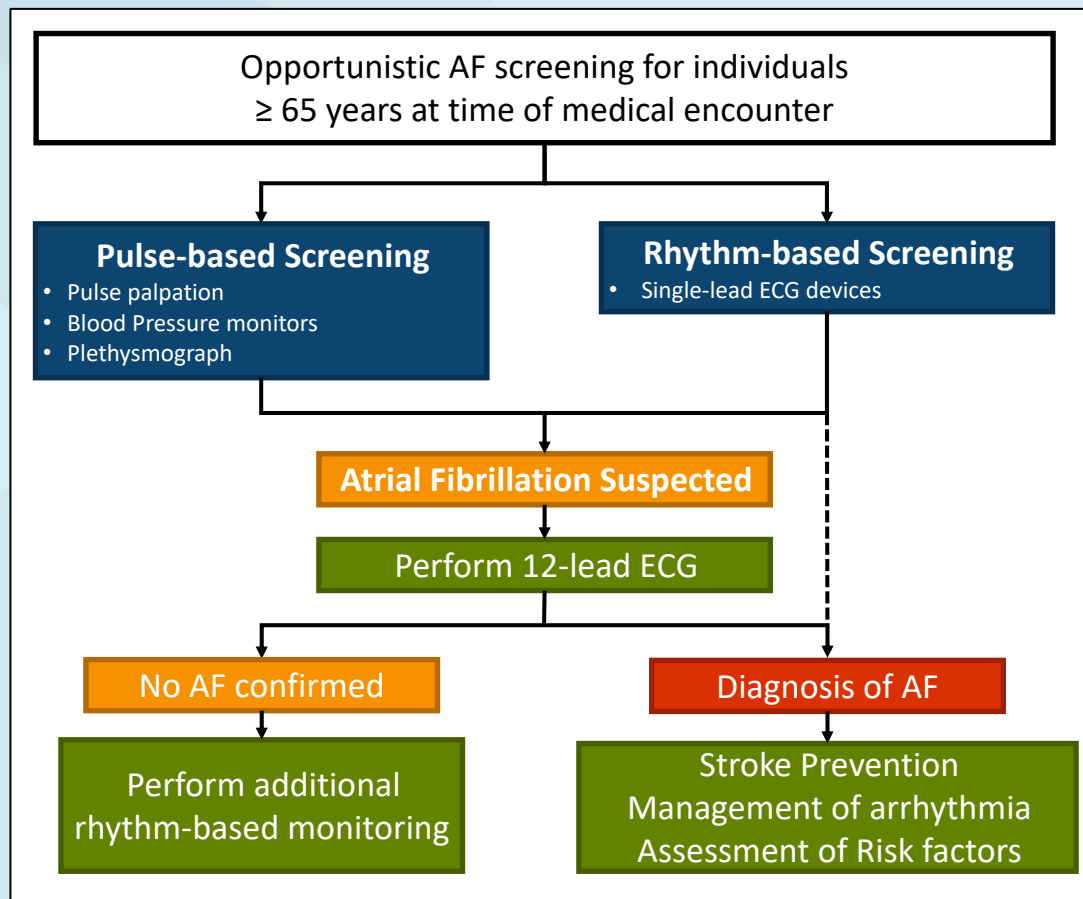


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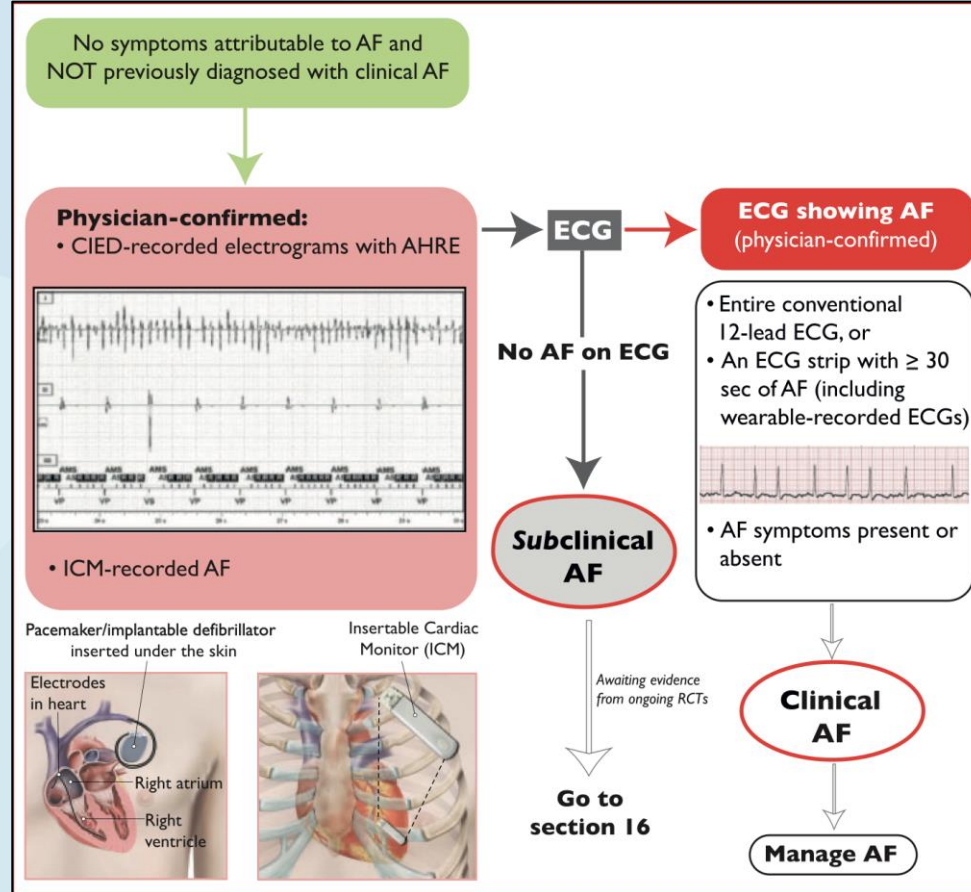


# Détection opportuniste de la FA

« Number needed to screen » = 69.



# FA sous-clinique (SCAF)



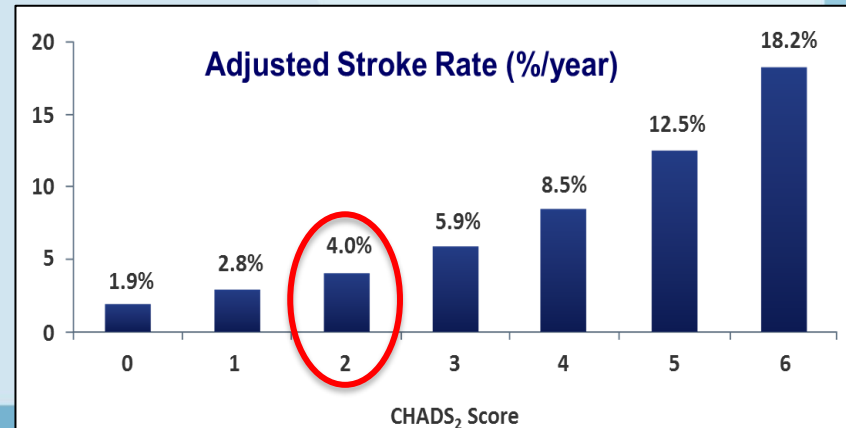
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# FA sous-clinique (SCAF)

Year	Trial	Number of patients	Duration of follow-up	Atrial rate cut-off	AF burden threshold	Hazard ratio for TE event	TE event rate (below vs. above AF burden threshold)
2003	Ancillary MOST <sup>5</sup>	312	27 months (median)	>220 bpm	5 min	6.7 ( $P=0.020$ )	3.2% overall (1.3% vs. 5%)
2005	Italian AT500 Registry <sup>18</sup>	725	22 months (median)	>174 bpm	24 h	3.1 ( $P=0.044$ )	1.2% annual rate
2009	Botto et al. <sup>19</sup>	568	1 year (mean)	>174 bpm	CHADS <sub>2</sub> +AF burden	n/a	2.5% overall (0.8% vs. 5%)
2009	TRENDS <sup>20</sup>	2486	1.4 years (mean)	>175 bpm	5.5 h	2.2 ( $P=0.060$ )	1.2% overall (1.1% vs. 2.4%)
2012	Home Monitor CRT <sup>22</sup>	560	370 days (median)	>180 bpm	3.8 h	9.4 ( $P=0.006$ )	2.0% overall
2012	ASSERT <sup>7</sup>	2580	2.5 years (mean)	>190 bpm	6 min	2.5 ( $P=0.007$ )	(0.69% vs. 1.69%)
2014	SOS AF <sup>23</sup>	10016	2 years (median)	>175 bpm	1 h	2.11 ( $P=0.008$ )	0.39% per year Overall

- Relation entre épisodes auriculaires rapides (AHRE) et événements thromboemboliques.
- Risque augmenté mais plus faible que si FA clinique documentée.



# Anticoagulation et FA sous-clinique

- Anticoagulation

- Risque-bénéfice incertain (patients plus âgés et à plus haut risque de saignement).

- Recommandations actuelles:

- $\geq 65$  ans ou  $CHADS_2 \geq 1 \Rightarrow$  anticoagulation si SCAF  $> 24$  heures.

- Haut risque (i.e. AVC récent d'étiologie imprécise)

- Anticoagulation possible avec épisodes plus courts.

- Études à venir

- ARTESIA: Apixaban vs ASA avec SCAF 6 min à 24 heures (recrutement terminé).

- NOAH: Edoxaban vs ASA chez patients avec SCAF.

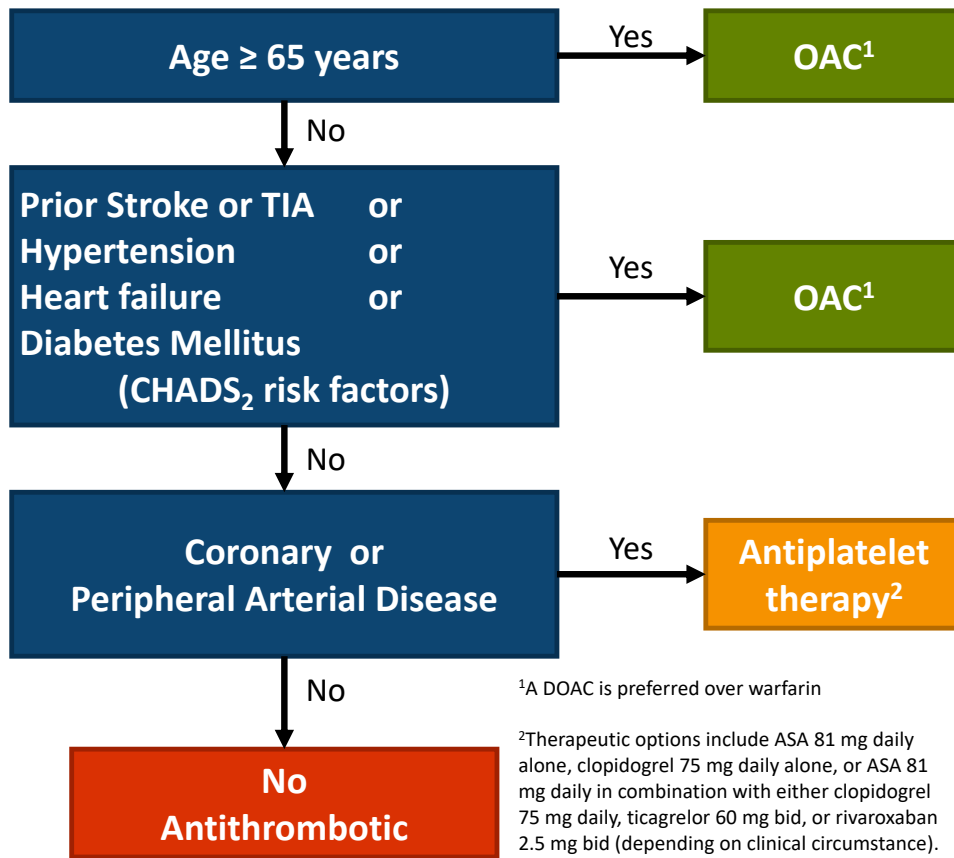


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Âge facile à déterminer pour tous les patients.

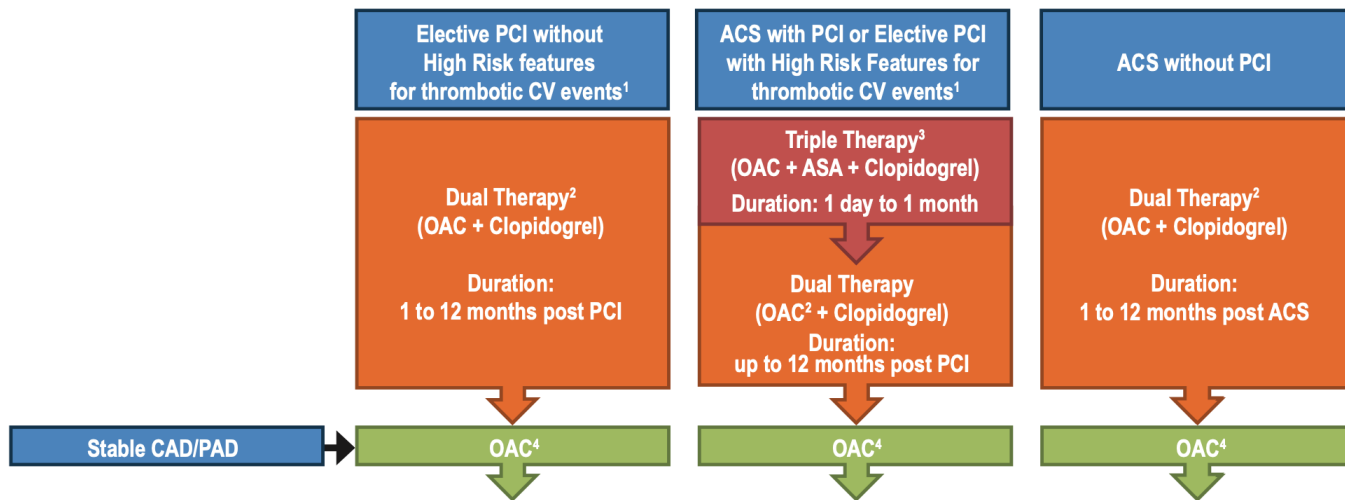
Warfarine pour les prothèses valvulaires mécaniques et les sténoses mitrales modérées à sévères.

## The “CCS Algorithm” (“CHADS 65”) for Stroke Prevention in Non-Valvular AF



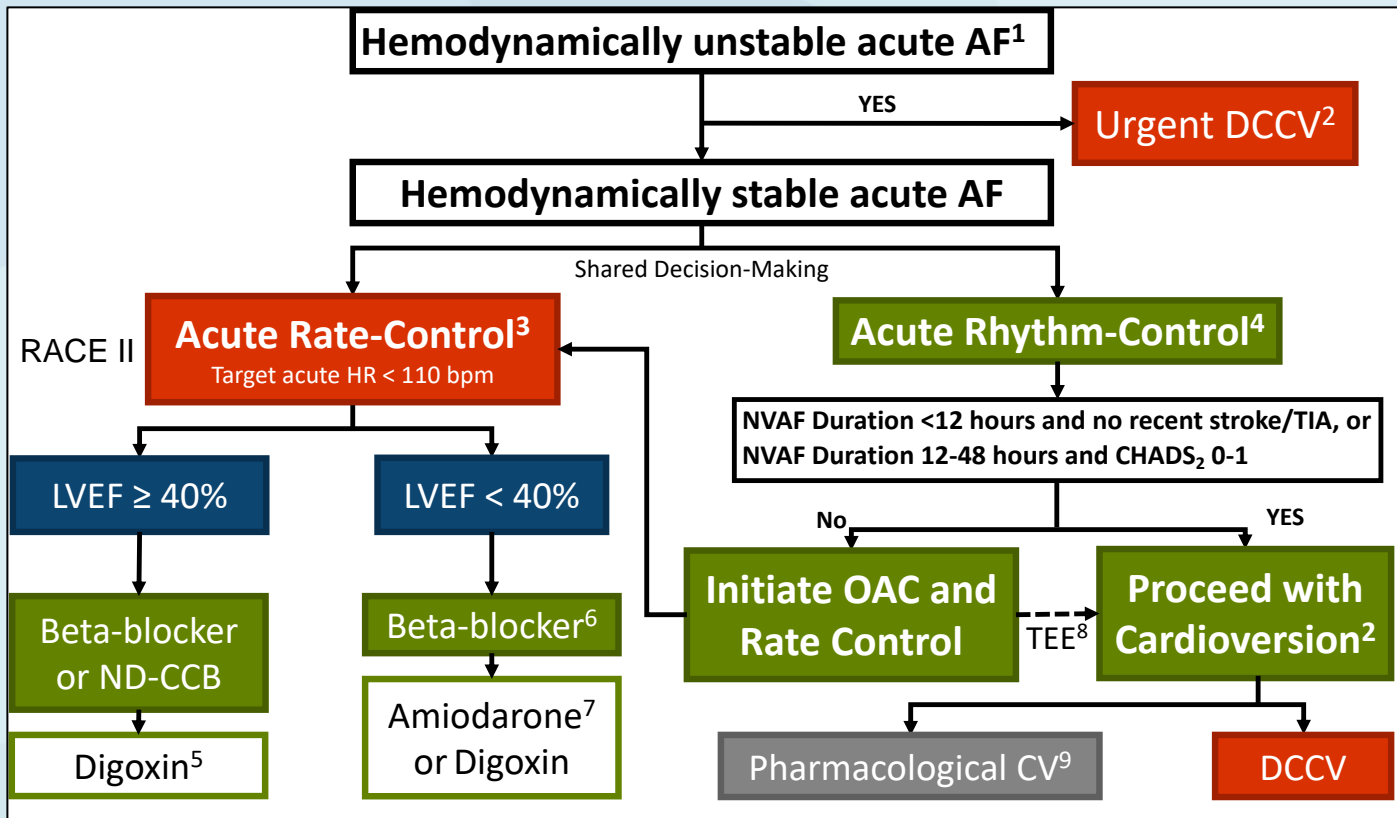
# FA et MCAS

## AF Patients with Coronary or Peripheral Arterial Disease and an Indication for OAC (Age $\geq 65$ or CHADS<sub>2</sub> $\geq 1$ )



1. PCI is considered high-risk based on clinical and angiographic features such as: diabetes mellitus, current smoker, chronic renal dysfunction (eGFR < 60 mL/min), prior ACS, multi-vessel disease, multiple stents implanted, complex bifurcation lesion, total stent length > 60 mm, prior stent thrombosis, chronic total occlusion intervention, or bioabsorbable vascular scaffold.
2. The OAC component evaluated as part of dual pathway therapy regimens include: warfarin daily, apixaban 5 mg BID (reduced to 2.5 mg if they met two or more of the following dose-reduction criteria: age > 80 years of age, weight < 60 kg, or Cr > 133  $\mu\text{mol}$  per liter), dabigatran 110 mg or 150 mg PO BID, edoxaban 60 mg PO daily (30 mg in patients with CrCl 15–50 mL/min, bodyweight  $\leq$  60 kg, or concomitant use of specified potent P-glycoprotein inhibitors), rivaroxaban 15 mg PO daily (10 mg in patients with CrCl 30–50 mL/min). A DOAC is preferred over warfarin, however if warfarin is to be used the lower end of the recommended INR target range is preferred. All patients should receive a loading dose of ASA 160 mg at the time of PCI (if previously ASA naïve).
3. The OAC component evaluated as part of triple therapy regimens include: warfarin daily, rivaroxaban 2.5 mg PO BID, or apixaban 5 mg BID (reduced to 2.5 mg if they met two or more of the following dose-reduction criteria: age > 80 years of age, weight < 60 kg, or Cr > 133  $\mu\text{mol}$  per liter). A DOAC is preferred over warfarin, however if warfarin is to be used the recommended INR target is 2.0–2.5. All patients should receive a loading dose of ASA 160 mg at the time of PCI (if previously ASA naïve). Thereafter, ASA may be discontinued as early as the day following PCI or I can be continued longer. The timing of when to discontinue ASA will depend on individual patient's ischemic and bleeding risk.
4. The dose of OAC beyond one year after PCI should be standard stroke prevention doses. A combination of an OAC and single antiplatelet therapy may be used only in highly-selected patients with high-risk features for ischemic coronary outcomes, and who are also at low risk of bleeding

# Traitement de la FA ou flutter auriculaire (aigu)



## FinCV studies

- Augmentation du risque si 12-48h.
- Risque plus faible si anticoagulation.
- Risque surtout si  $CHA_2DS_2-VASc \geq 2$ .

Anticoagulation pour 4 semaines pour tous, puis selon score CHADS-65.



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Procainamide IV, Vernakalant IV, Flécalnide ou Propafenone PO

# Approche pour le contrôle du rythme en FA

Paroxysmal AF

Persistent AF

EAST-AFNET 4  
- Réduction des événements si contrôle du rythme précoce (moins d'un an).

Initiate Rate-control  
Consider long-term treatment

Low recurrence burden

High recurrence burden

Rhythm control preferred with:

- Recently diagnosed AF (within 1 year)
- Highly symptomatic or significant QOL impairment
- Multiple recurrences
- Difficulty to achieve rate control
- Arrhythmia-induced cardiomyopathy

Optimise Rate control<sup>1</sup>

Symptoms persist

Symptoms resolve

Cardioversion

Cardioversion

Observation

Pill-in-pocket AAD

Maintenance AAD therapy<sup>2</sup>

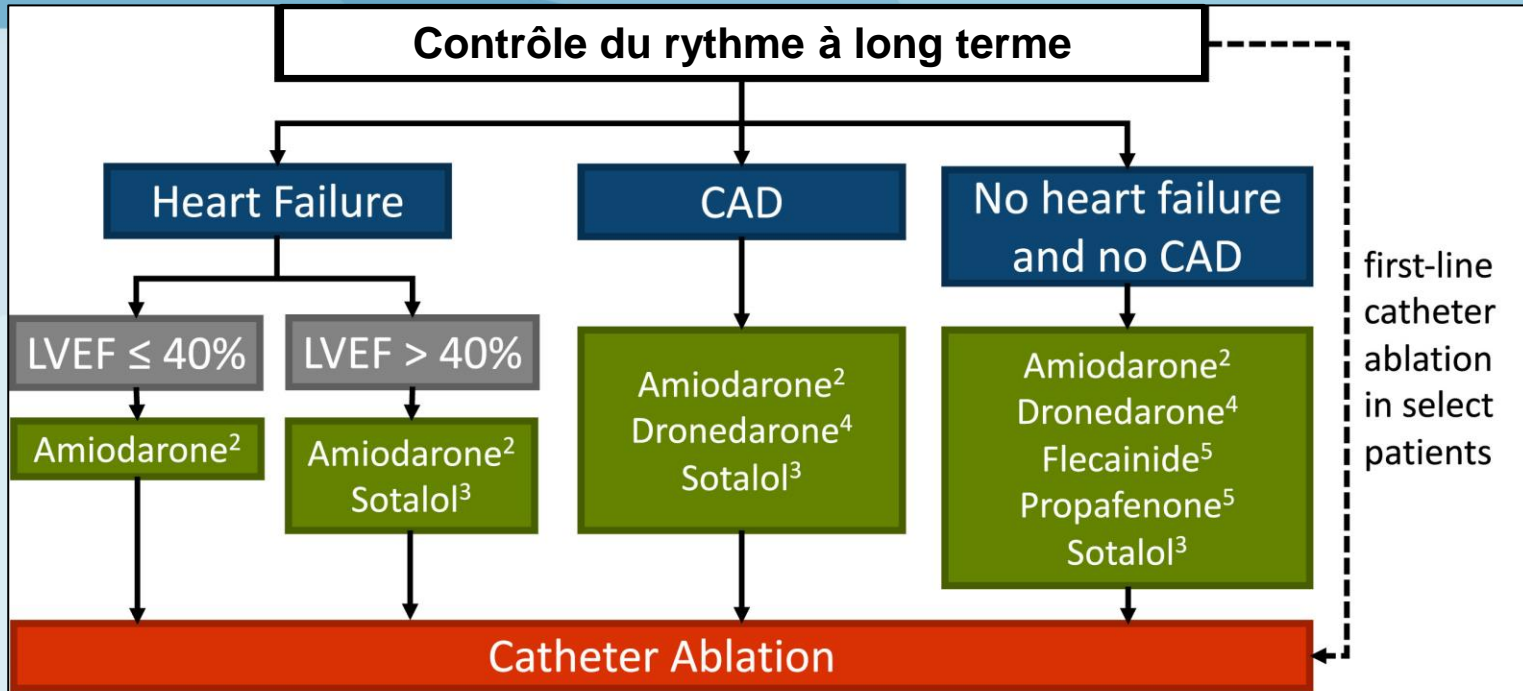
Symptoms improve with sinus rhythm restoration

Symptoms don't improve despite sinus rhythm

Catheter ablation

Continue Long-term Rate control<sup>1</sup>





<sup>1</sup>Consider AF symptom burden, possibility of adverse drug reactions and patient preference

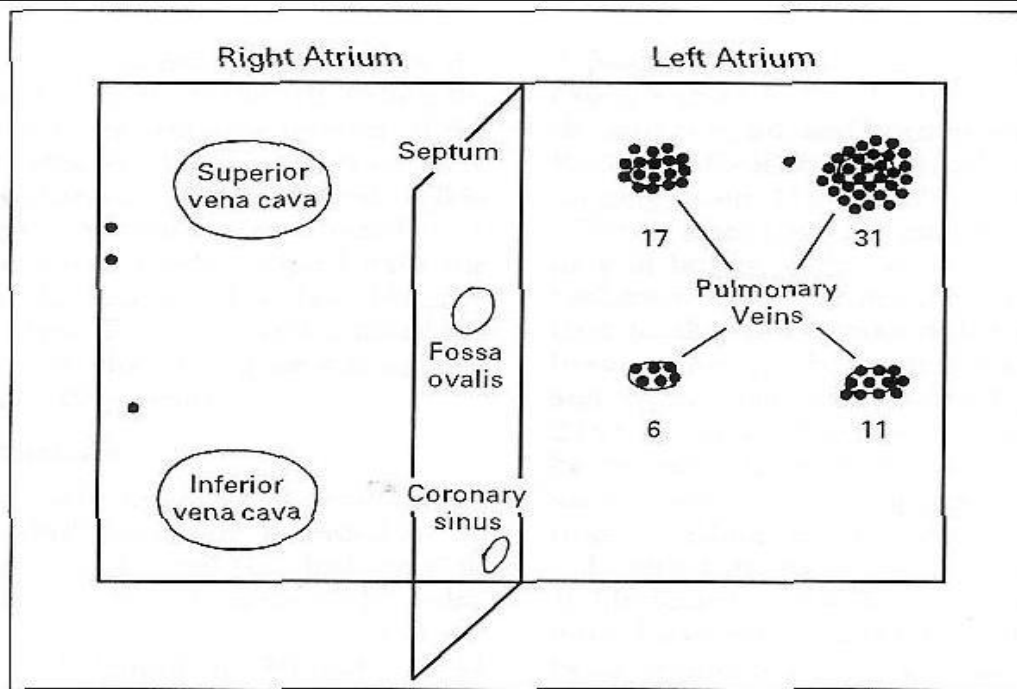
<sup>2</sup>Consider alternative AADs or ablation rather than long-term amiodarone (significant risk of extra-cardiac side-effects)

<sup>3</sup>Sotalol should be used with caution in patients with high-risk features for torsade de pointes ( $\geq 65$  years, women, reduced renal function, concomitant potassium-wasting diuretics). Sotalol is not recommended for patients with left ventricular hypertrophy.

<sup>4</sup>Dronedaron should be used with caution in combination with digoxin

<sup>5</sup>Class IC agent should be combined with AV-nodal blocking agent. Use caution for patients with left ventricular hypertrophy.

# Initiation de la FA



**Figure 1.** Diagram of the Sites of 69 Foci Triggering Atrial Fibrillation in 45 Patients.

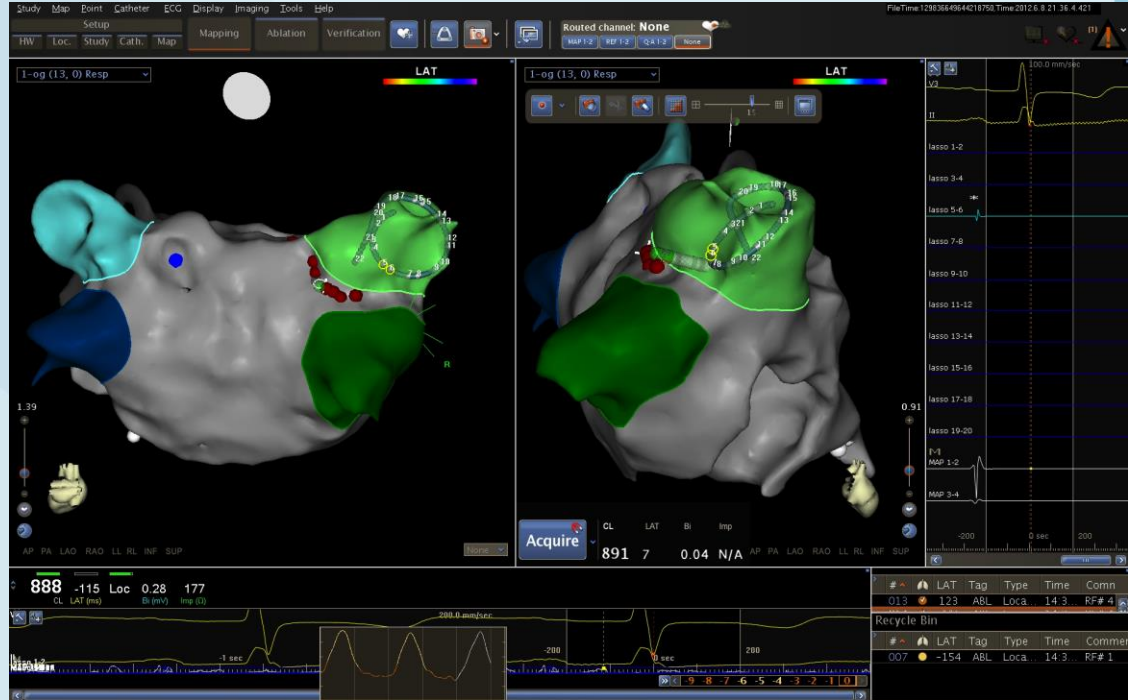
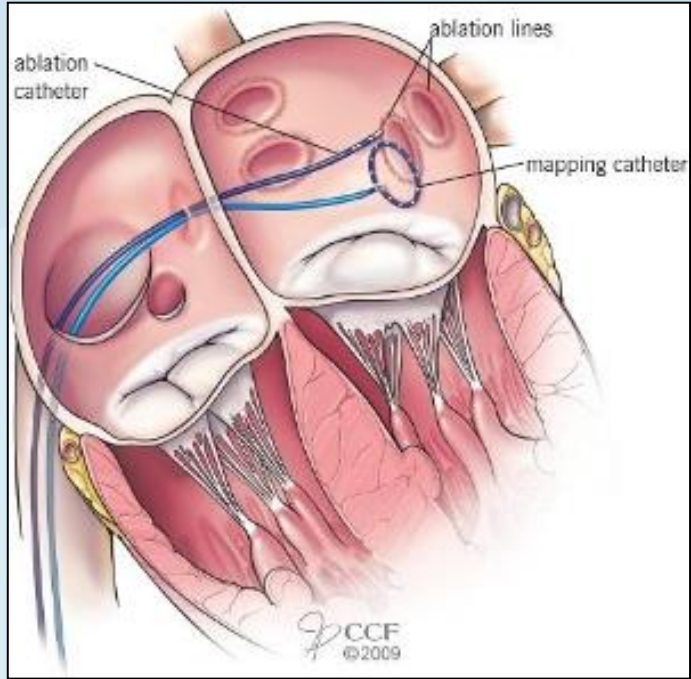
Note the clustering in the pulmonary veins, particularly in both superior pulmonary veins. Numbers indicate the distribution of foci in the pulmonary veins.



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# Ablation de FA



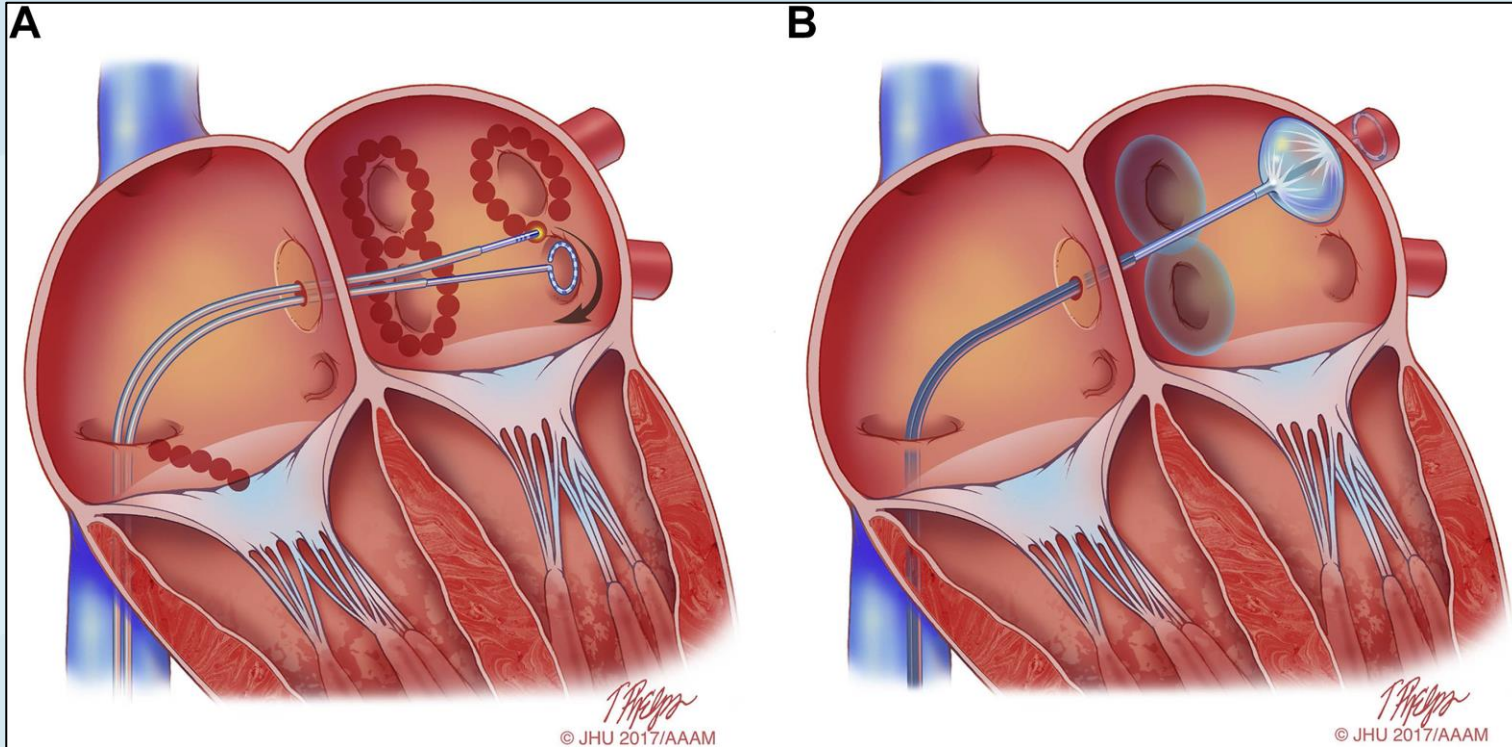
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# Ablation de FA – Isolation des VPs



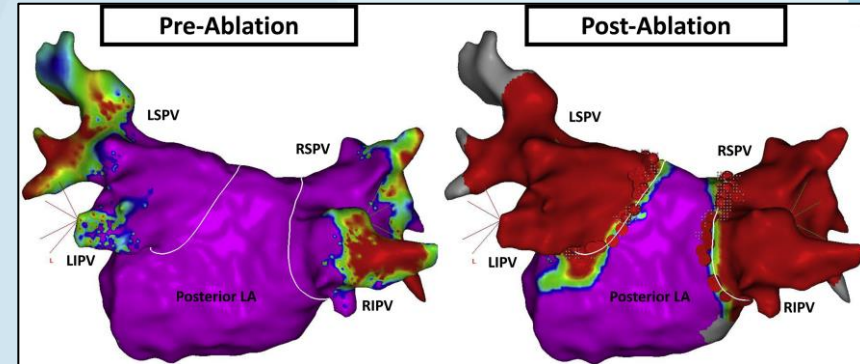
## Ablation par radiofréquence (RF)

## Ablation par cryoballon



# Candidats adéquats pour une ablation de FA

- Âge < 80 ans.
- Patients avec FA symptomatique.
- Histoire de dysfonction VG secondaire à FA rapide (cardiomyopathie rythmique).
- Patients avec échec ou intolérance au traitement anti-arythmique.
- FA paroxystique ou persistante d'une durée <5 ans.
- Cardiopathie structurelle légère à modérée.
- Patients avec dysfonction VG et FEVG 30-50%.
- Diamètre de l'oreillette gauche (moins de 55 mm).



# Anticoagulation post-ablation

- Premiers 2 mois post-ablation
  - Anticoagulation pour TOUS les patients.
  - Ablation par cathéter endommage transitoirement l'endothélium de l'oreillette (état pro-thrombotique précoce).
- Par la suite (après 2 mois)
  - Anticoagulation selon CHADS-65 plutôt que le succès apparent de l'ablation.
  - Limitations
    - Épisodes asymptomatiques.
    - Récidive tardive.
    - Absence d'association temporelle entre la FA et AVC.
  - Étude en cours: OCEAN
    - Si absence de FA à 1 an post-ablation, Rivoraxaban vs ASA.



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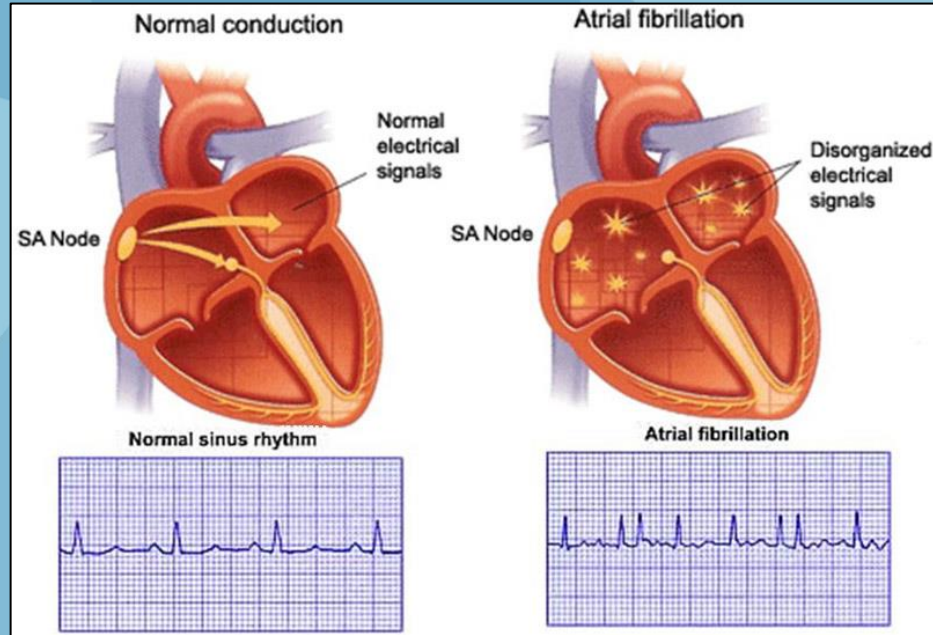
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# Complications

Type	Typical symptoms	Incidence	Treatment options and outcome	How to reduce risks
Thrombo-embolism TIA Stroke	Neurological deficit relating to the site of embolus	0.93% 0.2% (0.6%) 0.3% (0.28%)	Consider lysis therapy	Use irrigated tip catheter Monitor ACT every 30 min and adjust using i.v. heparin bolus
PV stenosis/occlusion	Cough, shortness of breath on exertion, resistant pneumonia, haemoptysis	Depending on the ablation site with regards to the PV ostium Up to 10% for focal PV ablation. <5% for segmental PV isolation	PV dilatation/recanalization eventually requiring stent implantation Frequent in-stent re-stenosis	Avoid intra-PV ablation and solid-tip ablation
Atrio-oesophageal fistula formation	Unexplained fever, dysphagia, seizure	<1%	Immediate surgical correction	Avoid excessive energy delivery at sites neighbouring the posterior LA wall
Tamponade Immediate Late (days after procedure)	Hypotension cardiac arrest	0.8%  Up to 6% of all procedures  Unknown	Immediate pericardiocentesis	Avoid direct mechanical trauma during trans-septal puncture Avoid pop formation Avoid excessive contact force
Phrenic nerve injury (mostly right-sided)	Diaphragmatic paralysis causing shortness of breath on exertion or dyspnoea at rest	Can be transient	Wait	Identify phrenic nerve location in relation to PV ostia by stimulation manoeuvre Avoid stretching the PV ostium (mostly when using balloon catheters)
Perioesophageal injury	Intestinal symptoms (bloating, etc.)	May be transient Develops hours or days after the procedure 1% in cohort of 367 patients	If necessary Dilation of pylorus Botulinum injections	Unknown
Arteriovenous fistula	Pain at puncture site	0.43%	Compression Surgical correction rarely needed	Careful puncture technique
Aneurysm formation	Pain at puncture site	0.5–0.53%	Wait Thrombin injection	Careful puncture technique
Radiation injury	Pain and reddening at radiated site	Occurs late in follow-up Acute radiation injury very rare	Treat as burn injury	Avoid excessive radiation exposure and employ ALARA concept Use 3D mapping technology Use low frame rate pulsed fluoroscopy Optimal adjustment of fluoroscopy exposure rates
Mitral valve injury	Entrapment of catheters Extensive scarring after excessive ablation on valvular tissue	Very uncommon	Gentle catheter retraction while sheath is advanced into the ventricle Surgical removal	Recognition of the anatomic relationship of the LA/LV anatomy in 3D Monitor signals while manipulating catheters
Acute coronary injury	Chest pain ST elevation Hypotension	Very rare 1/356 patients in single case report	Standard percutaneous therapy for acute coronary occlusion	Avoid excessive energy application close to the coronary arteries Avoid intracoronary sinus ablation when possible
Air embolism	Acute ischaemia Hypotension Atrioventricular block Cardiac arrest		Aspiration of air in long sheaths Watch and wait Pacing Perform CPR if needed	Careful aspiration of all indwelling sheaths Constant positive pressure on trans-septal sheaths
Haematoma at puncture site	Pain Swelling Discolouration	Frequent	Compression, in rare cases surgical treatment Sheath removal after normalization of ACT	Careful compression Sheath removal after normalization of ACT
Death overall		0.7%		



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