

References

1. Wilber DJ et al. Comparison of antiarrhythmic drug therapy and RF catheter ablation in patients with paroxysmal AF: a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA*. 2010; 303: 333-40
2. Dong J et al. Incidence and predictors of pulmonary vein stenosis following catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation using the anatomic pulmonary vein ablation approach: Results from paired magnetic resonance imaging. *J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol* 2005; 16: 845-52.
3. Scharf C et al. Anatomy of the pulmonary veins in patients with atrial fibrillation and effects of segmental ostial ablation analyzed by computed tomography. *J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol* 2003; 14: 150-5.
4. Deneke T et al. Post-ablation asymptomatic cerebral lesions: long-term follow-up using magnetic resonance imaging. *Heart Rhythm* 2011, July 1, (Epub ahead of print)
5. Gaita F et al. Incidence of silent cerebral thromboembolic lesions after AF ablation may change according to technology used: comparison of irrigated RF, multipolar nonirrigated catheter and cryoballoon. *J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol* 2011 e-pub ahead of print.
6. Siklody C et al. Incidence of asymptomatic intracranial embolic events after PV isolation: comparison of different AF ablation technologies in a multicenter study. *J Am Coll Cardiol* 2011; 58: 681-8.
7. Patel D et al. Long-term functional and neurocognitive recovery in patients who had an acute cerebrovascular event secondary to catheter ablation for atrial fibrillation. *J Cardiovasc Electrophysiology* 2010; 21(4):412-417
8. Oral H et al. Radiofrequency catheter ablation of chronic atrial fibrillation guided by complex electrograms. *Circulation* 2007; 115: 2606-12.
9. Scherr D et al. Incidence and predictors of periprocedural cerebrovascular accident in patients undergoing catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation. *J Cardiovasc Electrophysiol* 2009; 20: 1357-1363
10. Biase L et al. Periprocedural stroke and management of major bleeding complications in patients undergoing catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation. *Circulation* 2010; 121: 2550-2556.
11. Calkins H et al. Treatment of atrial fibrillation with antiarrhythmic drugs or radiofrequency ablation: two systemic literature reviews and meta-analyses. *Circ Arrhythm Electrophysiol*. 2009; 2: 349-61.
12. Oral H et al. Risk of thromboembolic events after percutaneous left atrial radiofrequency ablation of atrial fibrillation. *Circulation* 2006; 114: 759-765
13. Cappato et al. Updated worldwide survey on the methods, efficacy, and safety of catheter ablation for human atrial fibrillation. *Circulation: Arrhythmia and Electrophysiology*. 2010; 3:32-38.