

Improving Outcomes for Patients with Atrial Fibrillation

TOPIC SUMMARY

Atrial Fibrillation (AF) is the most common form of arrhythmia in the United States. Participants will be educated on the application of current guidelines and medical evidence in the management of AF, as well as research findings in antiarrhythmic drugs and early rhythm control therapy. Earn CE and ABIM MOC credit.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

After completing this activity, participants should better be able to:

- Apply use of current national and international guidelines and medical evidence for the management of patients with atrial fibrillation in clinical practice.
- Discuss the underutilization and risk/benefit of anticoagulation in patients with atrial fibrillation (AF).
- Discuss pharmacologic treatments for AF, including the appropriate use of rate vs rhythm control.
- Identify non-pharmacologic treatments, for patients with AF and integrate their use into clinical practice.
- Describe the importance of lifestyle modification for the treatment/prevention of AF.
- Identify racial/ethnic differences in the treatment/management of patients with AF and opportunities to overcome them in clinical practice.

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- Clinical Cardiologists
- Interventional Cardiologists
- Electrophysiologists
- Hospitalists
- Internal Medicine Physicians
- Family Practice/General Practice Physicians
- Physician Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Nurses
- Pharmacists

CE CREDITS

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The American Heart Association designates this live activity for a maximum of 1.00 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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***ACPE Credit must be claimed within 30 days of participation.*

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1. Attend the presentation.
2. Complete the Attendance Verification Form and return to the presentation coordinator.
3. Complete the online Evaluation Survey
4. Claim your CE Certificate

The presentation coordinator will hand out instructions on completing the online Evaluation Survey and Claiming your CE Certificate

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

For continuing professional education/accreditation questions, please contact the AHA National Engagement Center.

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