

EVALUATION FORM
Controversies in Surgical Treatment of Atrial Fibrillation
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Please answer the following questions by circling the appropriate rating:

5 = Outstanding 4 = Good 3 = Satisfactory 2 = Fair 1 = Poor

Extent to Which Program Activities Met the Identified Objectives

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

- Discuss the efficacy of surgical ablation therapy in the management of atrial fibrillation. 5 4 3 2 1
- Compare the efficacy of surgical ablation therapy versus catheter ablation therapy in the treatment of atrial fibrillation. 5 4 3 2 1
- Discuss treatment options for patients with persistent atrial fibrillation after failed catheter ablation. 5 4 3 2 1
- Describe the clinical benefit of surgical ablation of the left atrial appendage in reducing risk for stroke. 5 4 3 2 1

Overall Effectiveness of the Activity

Was timely and will influence how I practice	5	4	3	2	1
Will assist me in improving patient care	5	4	3	2	1
Fulfilled my educational needs	5	4	3	2	1
Avoided commercial bias or influence	5	4	3	2	1

Impact of the Activity

The information presented:
(check all that apply)

- Reinforced my current practice/treatment habits. Will improve my practice/patient outcomes.
 Provided new ideas or information I expect to use. Enhanced my current knowledge base.

Will the information presented cause you to make any changes in your practice?

Yes No

If yes, please describe any change(s) you plan to make in your practice as a result of this conference:

How committed are you to making these changes?

5 (Very committed) 4 3 2 1 (Not at all committed)

Future Activities

Do you feel future activities on this subject matter are necessary and/or important to your practice?

- Yes No

Please list any other topics that would be of interest to you for future educational activities:

Follow-up

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- Yes, I would be interested in participating in a follow-up survey.
 No, I'm not interested in participating in a follow-up survey.

Additional comments about this activity:

POSTTEST

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1. All of the following are factors that make a patient a good candidate for surgery for lone atrial fibrillation except?
 - a) Left atrial size
 - b) Failure of medical and/or catheter therapy
 - c) Side effects from AADs
 - d) Unable to anticoagulate
 - e) All of the above

2. What does surgical ablation offer in the treatment of atrial fibrillation?
 - a) Linear, transmural lesions
 - b) Complete (documented) PV isolation
 - c) Occlusion/Amputation of LAA
 - d) Reduction of stroke risk
 - e) Focused ablation of Ganglionic Plexi
 - f) All of the above

3. Atrial Fibrillation increases production of superoxide by the left atrium and left atrial appendage:
 - a) True
 - b) False

4. Independent of the presence of AF, von Willebrand factor levels in the endocardial epithelium may modulate local thrombogenicity in the human atrial appendage.
 - c) True
 - d) False

5. When will internists send patients with atrial fibrillation for an intervention?
 - a) The majority already do
 - b) When the risk/benefit ratio of the intervention is superior to that of medical therapy
 - c) When it will be covered by most major medical insurances
 - d) Never

6. When will cardiologists (EPs) send patients with atrial fibrillation for surgical intervention?
 - a) The majority already do
 - b) When it will be covered by most major medical insurances
 - c) When the risk/benefit (efficacy/morbidity ratio) ratio of the surgical intervention is superior to that of catheter intervention
 - a) Never

Posttest Answer Key

1	2	3	4	5	6

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