

Re: Atrial Fibrillation – what to do?

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Hi,

I'm not medical but suffer with intermittent AF.

I'd get your cardiologist to run you through the risks associated with AFib ablation first and its likely effectiveness. I was told there was about 40% chance of it working completely first time. For the 60% for whom the process didn't work first time, I was told 40% of those may get some limited benefit from a second attempt at ablation. There were significant risks associated with the process which together with the limited likelihood of effectiveness put me off the procedure.

But I am in intermittent and not continuous AF, so the situation for you may be different. I am on Flecainide which definitely helps control it together with various lifestyle changes.

Hope this helps
Jerry

"James" <anonymous> wrote in message
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I am a 51 year old 345lb. male with AF. My first occurrence was about two years ago. Electrical Cardioversion restored me to a normal rythm.

In April of this year the condition returned. This time the Electrical Cardioversion failed. Now I am stuck on 200mg Toprol, .25mcg Digoxin, Micardis HCT 80/25 and of course Warafin 5mg.

Is there any hope in future attempts at Electrical Cardioversion, or should I just opt for Radio Frequency Ablation?

Has anyone benefited from Electrical Cardioversion after prior attempts have failed?

Any advice would be appreciated.

Thanks,

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James