

EMORY CENTER FOR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION

Your One-Stop Solution to Atrial Fibrillation Patient Care

The Emory Center for Atrial Fibrillation, one of only a few comprehensive atrial fibrillation (AF) programs in the country, offers a unique team approach – cardiologists and cardiac surgeons collaborating to treat patients with AF. The Center has a dedicated, experienced staff, which includes a medical director, surgical director, and full-time nurse coordinator devoted entirely to optimizing AF patient care and advancing AF treatments. There is a variety of ways to manage AF and many types and degrees of AF. The Center provides patients with access to the latest medical, interventional and surgical therapies available in this rapidly evolving field and determines the best course of treatment for specific patients and individual conditions.

Emory physicians have performed more than 250 AF surgical-ablation and 150 catheter-ablation cases and have assumed a leadership role in closely tracking these patients on a long-term basis. Outcomes data collection and analysis enable us to modify our practice to assure patients are assigned the most effective individual treatment and that clinical research will improve care for all AF patients.



Specialized Services and Procedures

Patients who seek treatment at Emory are offered not one kind of therapy, but every procedure available for AF through one comprehensive center.

Treatment includes:

- Coumadin management
- Arrhythmia monitoring
- Educational support
- Medical management of AF
- Cutting-edge cardiac imaging, including cardiac MRI, PET and 64-slice cardiac CT with combined PET capabilities (one of the first in North America)
- Percutaneous catheter procedures for mapping and ablation of AF, including state-of-the-art electrophysiology (EP) technology and dedicated EP labs
- Innovative surgical treatments – surgical ablation procedures, including concomitant procedures in conjunction with other planned cardiac surgery, stand-alone procedures, left atrial appendage amputation and the innovative, minimally-invasive closed-chest thoracoscopic approach



Collegial Collaboration with Referring Physicians

Emory maintains collaborative relationships with referring physicians to streamline AF care and return patients to their referring doctors.

Innovative Therapies: New Options

The Emory Center for Atrial Fibrillation offers:

- New options in medications, percutaneous catheter procedures and surgical procedures, including ablation procedures performed on a beating heart with devices using a variety of energy sources (irrigated radiofrequency, dry radiofrequency, monopolar and bipolar radiofrequency, microwave and high-intensity focused ultrasound).
- Ongoing clinical trials of medical and surgical techniques, including trials of medical alternatives to Coumadin therapy and a national trial involving a left atrial appendage occlusion device.

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