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Preprocedural Planning for Left Atrial Procedures in Atrial Fibrillation

Variant 1: Atrial fibrillation, atrial tachycardia, or atypical atrial flutter. Preprocedural planning prior to left atrial ablation.

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Procedure	Category	SOE SOE	Adults RRI	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CTA chest with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	10 mSv	7	7	0	1	0	0	0	0	9	6	2
		References		Study	Quality										
		25 (26341605)			4										
		23 (31023034)			3										
		24 (26332107)			3										
CT heart function and morphology with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	���� 10-3 mSv	0	7	7	0	0	2	0	2	0	6	3	5
		References		Study	Quality										
		20 (24469219)			3										
		18 (32629004)			2										
		21 (34453377)			3										
		19 (22364703)			2										
		17 (25786766)			2										
		5 (25847091)			4										
		22 (25956477)			3										
MRA chest without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	4	1
·		References		Study	/ Quality										
		28 (27236529)			3										

		27 (29663178)			2										
		26 (26139321)			2					1			1		
MRI heart function and morphology without and with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	2	3	10	3	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		28 (27236529)			3										
		6 (33600025)			4										
		32 (34303756)		C	Good										
		33 (31397511)			3										
		34 (31874788)			2										
		37 (32412119)			3										
		36 (24496537)			2										
		31 (25464427)			3										
		35 (26777218)			3										
US echocardiography transesophageal	Usually appropriate	Strong	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	11	3	3
		References		Study	Quality										
		38 (25666720)			3										
		40 (7486462)			1										
		39 (8249844)			2										
MRA chest without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	4	11	0	2	1	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		29 (26149175)			3										
		30 (19561516)			3										
MRI heart function and morphology without IV contrast	May be appropriate	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	4	4	0	1	6	8	3	0	0	0	0
CTA coronary arteries with IV contrast	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	≎≎≎≎ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	3	3	2	0	9	3	4	0	0	0	0

US echocardiography transthoracic resting	Usuall approp	Strong O 0 mSv		O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	2	7	7	0	1	0	0	0
		References		Stud	y Quality										
		42 (27822477)			2										
		41 (21440414)			2										
Catheter venography pulmonary	Usuall approp	Limited	Limited		5	3	8	1	0	0	0	0	1		
		References		Stud	y Quality										
		15 (27116237)			3										
CT chest with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	0	2	2	9	1	2	3	2	0	0	1	0
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	0	2	2	9	1	3	2	2	0	1	0	0
CT chest without IV contrast	Usuall approp	Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	0	1	1	11	2	3	1	0	1	0	0	0
		References		Stud	y Quality										
		16 (21908449)			2										
Arteriography coronary	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	0	1	1	12	4	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
MRA coronary arteries without IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
MRA coronary arteries without and with IV contrast	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	10	5	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
SPECT or SPECT/CT MPI rest and stress	Usuall approp	Expert Consensus	≎≎≎≎ 10- mSv	30	1	1	12	3	1	0	2	0	0	0	0

Variant 2: Atrial fibrillation. Preprocedural planning prior to left atrial appendage endovascular occlusion.

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Procedure	Category	SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT heart function and morphology with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Moderate	���� 10-30 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	6
		References		Study	Quality										
		48 (23406625)		(Good										
		44 (28012051)			3										
		47 (34398676)			3										
		45 (26728988)			3										
		43 (29388306)			2										
		46 (27884358)			3										
US echocardiography transesophageal	Usually appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	5
		References		Study	Quality										
		45 (26728988)			3										
		46 (27884358)			3										
CTA chest with IV contrast	Usually appropriate	Moderate	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	1	3	10	2	2
		References		Study	/ Quality										
		48 (23406625)		(Good										
		43 (29388306)			2										
		49 (28761682)			3										
MRA chest without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	1	3	10	4	0	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		28 (27236529)			3										
MRI heart function and morphology without and with IV contrast	May be appropriate	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	2	4	11	0	1	0	0
		References			Quality										
		50 (23454807)			2										

		28 (2723652)	9)		3										
		7 (30952613	5)		4										
MRI heart function and morphology without IV contrast	Usually no appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	1	2	8	3	3	0	0	0	1
		References		Study	y Quality		•	•	•		•	•	•		
		28 (27236529)			3										
US echocardiography transthoracic resting	Usually no		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	3	2	12	0	1	0	0	0	0
		References		Study	y Quality										
		42 (2782247)	7)		2										
		41 (2144041	4)		2										
CTA coronary arteries with IV contrast	Usually no		��� 1-10 mSv	≎≎≎≎ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	2	4	7	5	0	2	0	0	0	0
MRA chest without IV contrast	Usually no		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	3	2	2	2	1	0	0	0
CT chest with IV contrast	Usually no appropriate		��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	1	0	3	1	1	0	1	0
CT chest without IV contrast	Usually no appropriate		��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usually no appropriate		��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	1	0	2	3	0	1	0	0
Arteriography coronary	Usually no appropriate		��� 1-10 mSv		1	1	13	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
MRA coronary arteries without IV contrast	Usually no appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
MRA coronary arteries without and with IV contrast	Usually no appropriate		O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	11	5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0

SPECT or SPECT/CT MPI rest and stress	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	୫୫୫୫ 10-30 mSv	\$\$\$\$\$ 10-30 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Catheter venography pulmonary	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	���� 10-30 mSv		1	1	12	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	1

Variant 3: Atrial fibrillation. Preprocedural planning prior to electrical or pharmacologic cardioversion.

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Procedure	Categ		SOE	Adults RRL	Peds RRL	Rating	Median	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
CT heart function and morphology with IV contrast	Usua approp		Strong	���� 10-30 mSv	9999 3- 10 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	10	6
			References		Study	Quality										
			25 (26341605)			4										
			48 (23406625)		C	Good										
			18 (32629004)			2										
			19 (22364703)			2			,							
US echocardiography transesophageal	Usua approp		Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	9	8
			References Control of the Control of		Study	Quality										
			38 (25666720)			3										
			51 (27567465)			4										
CTA chest with IV contrast	Usua approp		Limited	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	2	9	5	2
			References		Study	Quality										
			48 (23406625)		G	Good		_								
MRI heart function and morphology without and with IV contrast	May approp		Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	5	5	0	0	0	9	2	4	2	1	0
			References		Study	Quality										

		50 (23454807)			2										
		28 (27236529)			3										
MRA chest without and with IV contrast	Usually approp	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	2	0	8	2	3	2	0	0	1
		References		Study	Quality		_								
		28 (27236529)		_	3										
MRI heart function and morphology without IV contrast	Usually approp	Limited	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	2	2	8	2	3	1	0	0	0
		References		Study	Quality										
		28 (27236529)			3										
US echocardiography transthoracic resting	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	3	3	2	3	9	0	4	0	0	0	0
CTA coronary arteries with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	≎≎≎≎ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	2	3	9	4	0	2	0	0	0	0
CT chest with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	≎≎≎ 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	2	2	9	0	5	1	2	1	0	0	0
MRA chest without IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	2	2	8	4	2	2	2	0	0	0	0
CT chest without IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	\$\$\$\$ 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
CT chest without and with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	��� 1-10 mSv	���� 3- 10 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0
Arteriography coronary	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	≎≎≎ 1-10 mSv		1	1	14	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
MRA coronary arteries without IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
MRA coronary arteries without and with IV contrast	Usually approp	Expert Consensus	O 0 mSv	O 0 mSv [ped]	1	1	12	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

SPECT or SPECT/CT MPI rest and stress	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	ଡେଡେଡ 10-30 mSv	≎≎≎≎≎ 10-30 mSv [ped]	1	1	15	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Catheter venography pulmonary	Usually not appropriate	Expert Consensus	≎≎≎≎ 10-30 mSv		1	1	13	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0

Appendix Key

A more complete discussion of the items presented below can be found by accessing the supporting documents at the designated hyperlinks.

Appropriateness Category: The panel's recommendation for a procedure based on the assessment of the risks and benefits of performing the procedure for the specified clinical scenario.

SOE: Strength of Evidence. The assessment of the amount and quality of evidence found in the peer reviewed medical literature for an appropriateness recommendation.

- **References:** The citation number and PMID for the reference(s) associated with the recommendation.
- Study Quality: The assessment of the quality of an individual reference based on the number of study quality elements described in the reference.

RRL: Relative Radiation Level. A population based assessment of the amount of radiation a typical patient may be exposed to during the specified procedure.

Rating: The final rating (1-9 scale) for the procedure as determined by the panel during rating rounds.

Median: The median rating (1-9 scale) for the procedure as determined by the panel during rating rounds.

Final tabulations: A histogram showing the number of panel members who rated the procedure as noted in the column heading (ie, 1, 2, 3, etc.).

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