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There is no place for  
Medical treatment of  
Atrial Fibrillation in  
2011:  
Antagonist argument

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Catheter ablation as  
the first choice for  
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# Why against ablation?

- ❑ What is the mechanism(s) underlying atrial fibrillation (atrial fibrillations!)?
- ❑ The substrate(s) of A.F. is (are) variable, and change over time.
- ❑ Which technique should be used?
- ❑ End-procedure evaluation of ablation efficacy is impossible.
- ❑ The outcome of procedure is unpredictable
- ❑ No long-term data on post-ablation AF recurrence are available.

# Why against ablation?

- ❑ Studies on AF ablation are not comparable with each other.
- ❑ If all AF pts were treated with ablation, the economic burden would be unacceptable.
- ❑ AF ablation results are better in subjects free from overt heart disease than in patients with a compromised heart. Sinus rhythm restoration, however, would be far more important in the latter ones.
- ❑ From “learning while burning” to “burning after learning”.



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