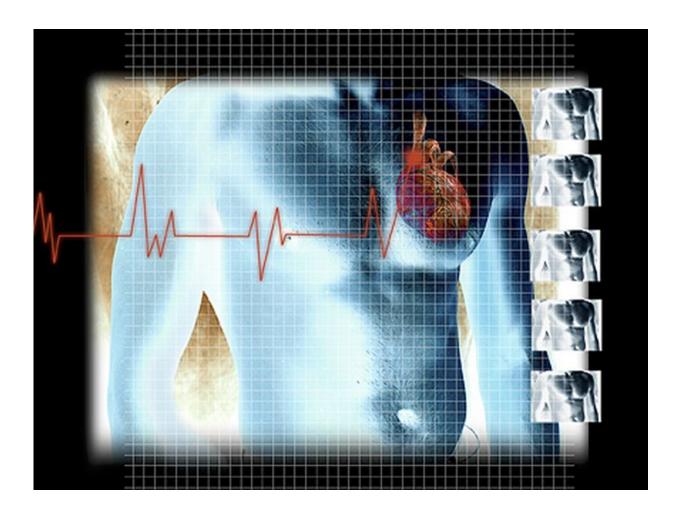


Poor outcome for rotor ablation in A-fib in randomized trial

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(HealthDay)—For patients with non-paroxysmal atrial fibrillation (AF),



rotor-only ablation is associated with a poor outcome compared with other ablation strategies, according to a randomized study published online May 6 in the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology*. The research was published to coincide with the annual meeting of the Heart Rhythm Society, held from May 4 to 7 in San Francisco.

Sanghamitra Mohanty, M.D., from St. David's Medical Center in Austin, Texas, and colleagues randomized non-paroxysmal AF <u>patients</u> undergoing first <u>ablation</u> to focal impulse and rotor modulation (FIRM)-guided ablation only (group 1; 29 patients), FIRM + pulmonary vein antrum isolation (PVAI) (group 2; 42 patients), or PVAI + posterior wall + non-PV trigger ablation (group 3; 42 patients).

The researchers terminated enrollment in group 1 early for futility. Procedure time was significantly shorter in group 3 versus groups 1 and 2 (P

"This is the first randomized study that compared three ablation strategies in non-paroxysmal AF patients and reported a very poor outcome with rotor-only ablation," the authors write.

Several authors disclosed financial ties to the pharmaceutical and medical device industries.

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