

Atrial Fibrillation Acute Approach

Rate, rhythm, stroke and instability

Cardiology

PHYSICIAN REFERENCE

Unstable

- Immediate synchronized cardioversion when AF is causing hemodynamic instability.

Stable

- Assess onset/duration, triggers, ventricular rate, structural disease and anticoagulation need. Rate vs rhythm strategy is individualized.

Stroke prevention

- Use validated thromboembolic and bleeding-risk assessment; anticoagulation decisions require patient-specific review.

Clinical safety note

Use this as a memory aid, not a prescription. Verify current guidelines, local protocols, contraindications, renal/hepatic dosing, pregnancy status, interactions and patient-specific factors before treatment.