ceptibility to reentrant arrhythmias. *Circulation* 1991;84:1808-1818


**Catheter Ablation in Patients With Cardiac Arrhythmias**

The special report entitled “Current Role of Catheter Ablative Procedures in Patients with Cardiac Arrhythmias”1 reviewed worldwide experience with these techniques up until about mid 1990. Since the manuscript was written and reviewed by our committee, dramatic progress in the treatment of supraventricular arrhythmias, in particular atrioventricular nodal reentrant tachycardia and tachycardias involving accessory atrioventricular connections, has taken place. As documented in several large, recently published series,2-4 success rates of 90% or higher with a low incidence of significant complications are now achievable with radiofrequency catheter ablation.

It is the uniform opinion of the members of the American Heart Association Subcommittee on Electrocardiography and Electrophysiology that catheter ablation should now be considered the primary nonpharmacological therapy option for patients with these conditions. Although further laboratory and clinical investigation will no doubt improve many aspects of the procedure, current experience confirms that the early promise of catheter ablation for these arrhythmias referred to in the special report has been fulfilled.

**References**


Catheter ablation in patients with cardiac arrhythmias.

Circulation. 1992;85:390
doi: 10.1161/01.CIR.85.1.390

Circulation is published by the American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, TX 75231
Copyright © 1992 American Heart Association, Inc. All rights reserved.
Print ISSN: 0009-7322. Online ISSN: 1524-4539

The online version of this article, along with updated information and services, is located on
the World Wide Web at:
http://circ.ahajournals.org/content/85/1/390.citation

Permissions: Requests for permissions to reproduce figures, tables, or portions of articles originally
published in Circulation can be obtained via RightsLink, a service of the Copyright Clearance Center, not the
Editorial Office. Once the online version of the published article for which permission is being requested is
located, click Request Permissions in the middle column of the Web page under Services. Further
information about this process is available in the Permissions and Rights Question and Answer document.

Reprints: Information about reprints can be found online at:
http://www.lww.com/reprints

Subscriptions: Information about subscribing to Circulation is online at:
http://circ.ahajournals.org//subscriptions/