

Atrial Fibrillation Certification Practice Test Questions and Answers

1. What is the most common underlying mechanism that triggers atrial fibrillation episodes?

- A) Ventricular ectopy from the left ventricle
- B) Ectopic electrical activity originating from pulmonary veins
- C) Sinus node dysfunction and bradycardia
- D) Atrioventricular node reentry circuits

2. According to current guidelines, what is the CHA2DS2-VASc score threshold for considering anticoagulation therapy in atrial fibrillation?

- A) Score ≥ 1 for males, ≥ 2 for females
- B) Score ≥ 2 for males, ≥ 3 for females
- C) Score ≥ 3 regardless of gender
- D) Score ≥ 4 regardless of gender

3. What is the primary advantage of catheter ablation over antiarrhythmic drug therapy for atrial fibrillation management?

- A) Lower initial cost and complexity
- B) Higher long-term success rates with reduced need for ongoing medication
- C) No risk of procedural complications
- D) Immediate restoration of normal sinus rhythm

4. Which diagnostic test is considered the gold standard for confirming atrial fibrillation diagnosis?

- A) Chest X-ray showing cardiac enlargement
- B) Echocardiogram with Doppler assessment
- C) 12-lead electrocardiogram showing characteristic irregular rhythm
- D) Cardiac MRI with contrast enhancement

Answers: 1-B 2-A 3-B 4-C

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