

# 11 Questions to Ask Your Electrophysiologist

Close collaboration between the treating cardiologist and an electrophysiologist is a model approach to providing effective treatment of patients with atrial fibrillation (AFib). And while electrophysiologists are experts in arrhythmia management, not all EPs are experts in catheter ablation.

## Here are 11 questions to help you better evaluate your electrophysiologist:

- 1 Are you board certified in clinical cardiac electrophysiology?
- 2 How many years have you been performing catheter ablations, and how many catheter ablation procedures have you performed in the last year?
- 3 Do you utilize advanced imaging tools such as 3D mapping systems?
- 4 Which technique do you use for catheter ablation? Why do you favor this technique?  
E.g., wide area circumferential ablation (WACA), left atrial catheter ablation (LACA), pulmonary vein antrum ablation/isolation (PVAI)
- 5 What type of patient is the best candidate for a successful RF ablation procedure for AFib?
- 6 For which AFib patients would you consider catheter ablation to be contraindicated?
- 7 What percentage of your AFib patients ablated need re-do ablation procedures?
- 8 Do you typically perform the procedure under conscious sedation or general anesthesia?
- 9 What is your antiarrhythmic drug protocol post ablation procedure?
- 10 What is your anticoagulation protocol post ablation procedure?
- 11 How frequently does the patient need follow-up visits after the ablation procedure, and who will be seeing the patient on these follow-up visits?

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