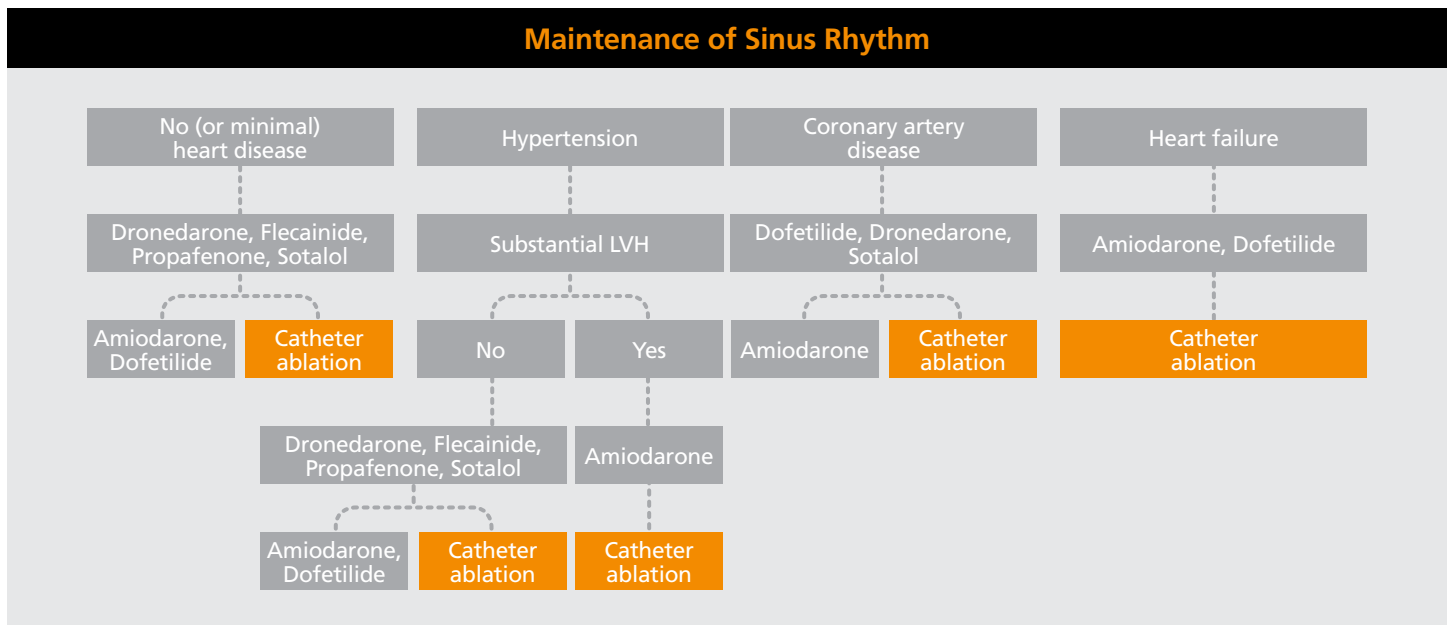


# Recommendations for Therapy in the Maintenance of Sinus Rhythm<sup>1</sup>



**NEW RECOMMENDATION:** In symptomatic paroxysmal atrial fibrillation, catheter ablation now has a Class I recommendation (formerly Class IIa) with Level A evidence (formerly Level C).<sup>1,2</sup>

## Indications for catheter ablation of atrial fibrillation<sup>2</sup>

	Class of Recommendation	Level of Evidence
Symptomatic atrial fibrillation that is refractory or intolerant to at least one Class I or Class III antiarrhythmic medication		
<b>Paroxysmal:</b> Catheter ablation is recommended*	<b>I</b>	<b>A</b>
<b>Persistent:</b> Catheter ablation is reasonable	<b>IIa</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Long-standing Persistent:</b> Catheter ablation may be considered	<b>IIb</b>	<b>B</b>
Symptomatic atrial fibrillation prior to initiation of antiarrhythmic drug therapy with a Class I or Class III antiarrhythmic agent		
<b>Paroxysmal:</b> Catheter ablation is reasonable	<b>IIa</b>	<b>B</b>
<b>Persistent:</b> Catheter ablation may be considered	<b>IIb</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Long-standing Persistent:</b> Catheter ablation may be considered	<b>IIb</b>	<b>C</b>

\*Catheter ablation of symptomatic paroxysmal AF is considered a Class I recommendation only when performed by an electrophysiologist who has received appropriate training and is performing the procedure in an experienced center.