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# Current Detection & Diagnosis of Atrial Fibrillation



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# Learning Objectives

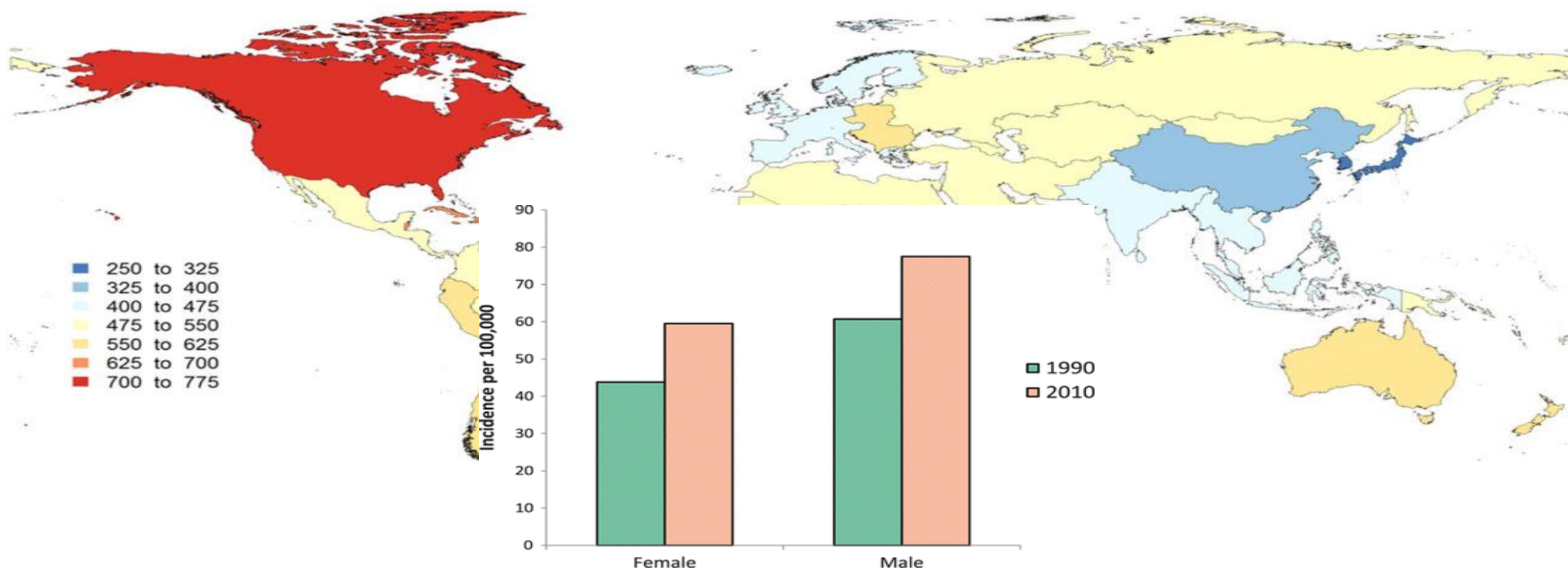
*Upon completion of this activity, participants should be able to ...*

- **Identify** the drastic changes in AF diagnostic and treatment options over past two decades
- **Identify** the current diagnostic tools for detection and follow-up of atrial fibrillation



# Prevalence of AF Worldwide

Prevalence of atrial fibrillation and flutter (per 100,000) by region, 2010



# Estimated Lifetime Risk of AF to Age 95

## Lifetime Risk for Development of Atrial Fibrillation The Framingham Heart Study

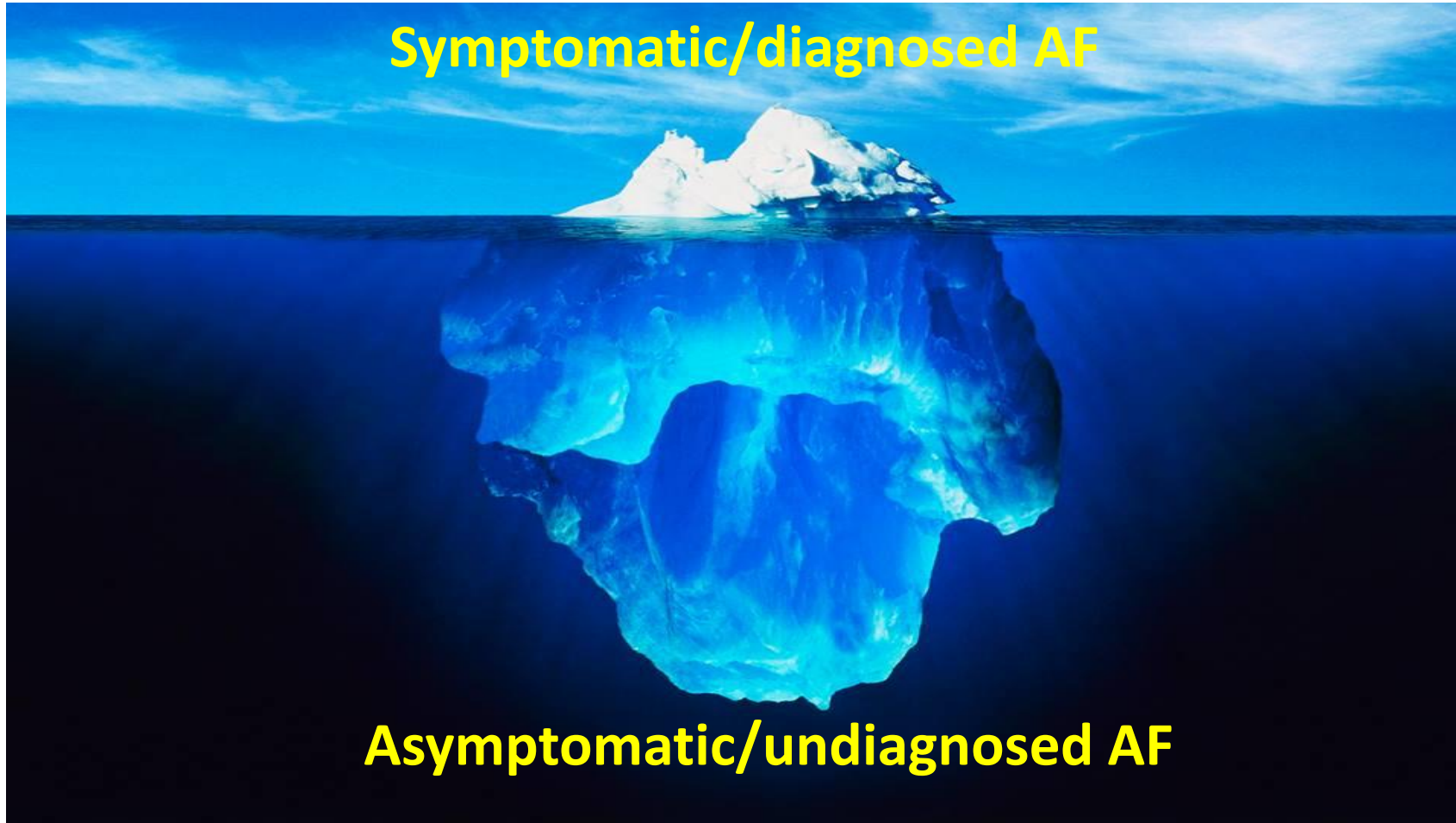
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**TABLE 2. Lifetime Risk for AF at Selected Index Ages by Sex**

Index Age, y	Men	Women
40	26.0 (24.0–27.0)	23.0 (21.0–24.0)
50	25.9 (23.9–27.0)	23.2 (21.3–24.3)
60	25.8 (23.7–26.9)	23.4 (21.4–24.4)
70	24.3 (22.1–25.5)	23.0 (20.9–24.1)
80	22.7 (20.1–24.1)	21.6 (19.3–22.7)

All values are percentages.

# Tip of The Iceberg

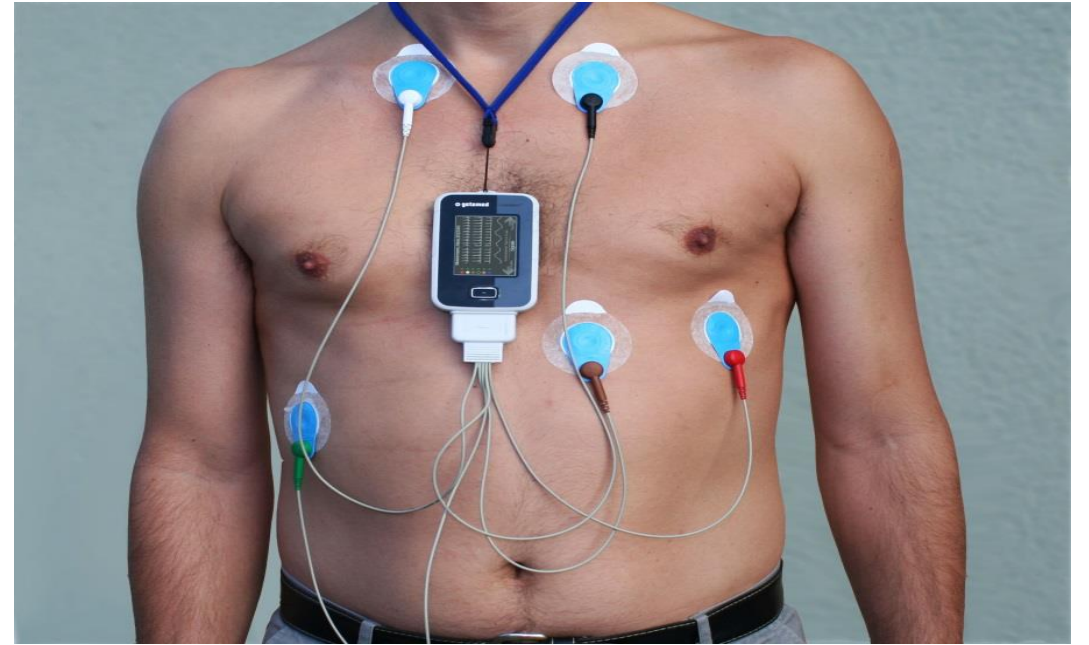
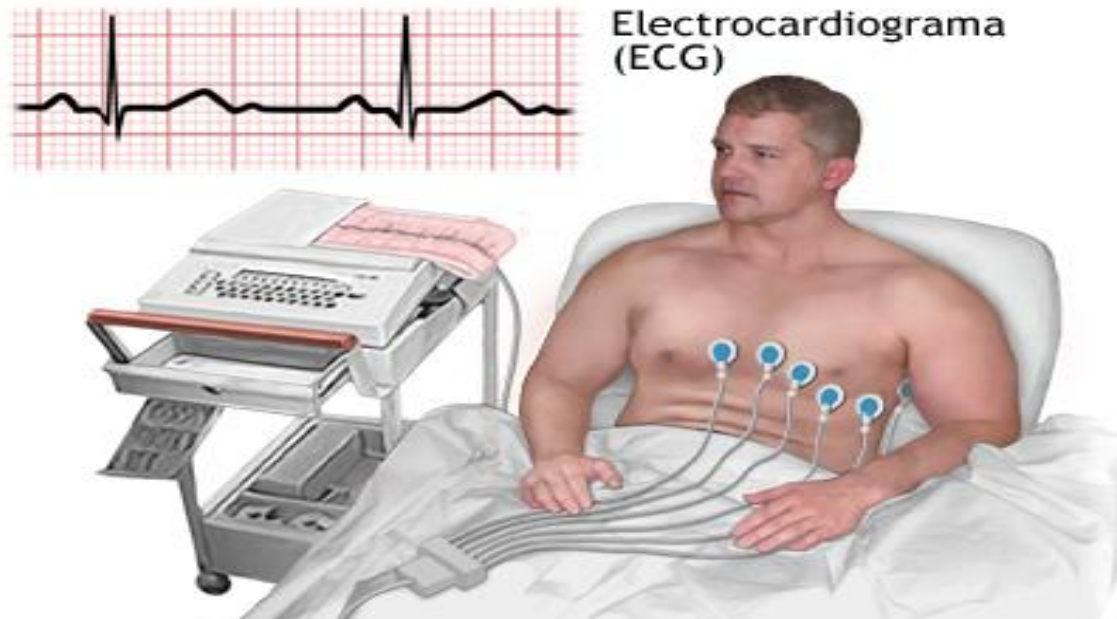


# Cryptogenic Stroke

- About 15% of strokes are attributed to documented AF, 50-60% to documented cerebrovascular disease
- The etiology of approximately 25-30% of ischemic strokes/TIA cases remains undetermined (undiagnosed AF is suspected of being a major contributor to this undetermined etiology).
- Due to the nature of AF, traditional monitoring methods with 12-lead ECG's and 24-72 Holter monitors frequently fail to document the presence of the arrhythmia.
- There are no standard recommended methods to document AF in such scenarios.



# Diagnosis of AF - Classic Story



# New Technology



Recorded: Monday, October 24, 2016 at 9:28:52 AM  
Heart Rate: 66 bpm Duration: 30s

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## Smartphone-based ECG monitor effective for diagnosing palpitations

May 5, 2016

SAN FRANCISCO —A smartphone-based ECG recorder was noninferior to an ambulatory event monitor for the diagnosis of palpitations, according to results of a prospective study presented at the Heart Rhythm Society Annual Scientific Sessions.

“The biggest takeaway from this study is how technology can literally diagnose palpitations,” **Deepika Narasimha, MD**, of University at Buffalo, told *Cardiology Today*.

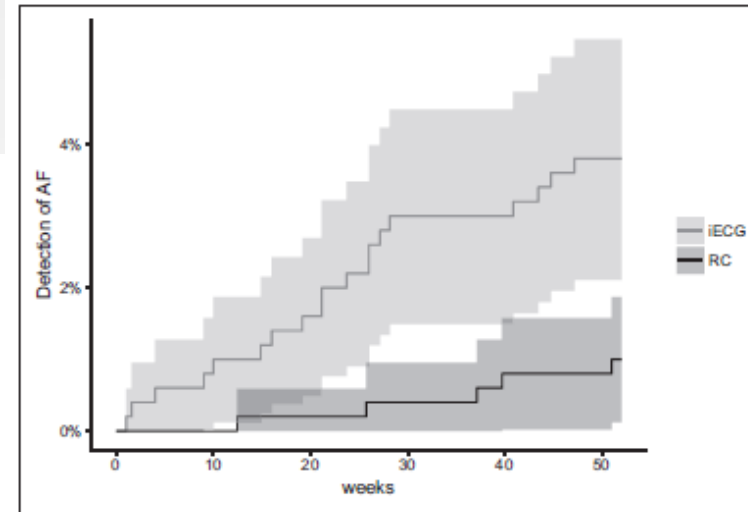
For monitoring heart palpitations, smartphone app provides comparable performance to 14-day event monitor

Patients in the University at Buffalo study found the AliveCor app “significantly easier to use” than ambulatory monitors



ORIGINAL RESEARCH ARTICLE

## Assessment of Remote Heart Rhythm Sampling Using the AliveCor Heart Monitor to Screen for Atrial Fibrillation: The REHEARSE-AF Study



**Figure 3.** Kaplan-Meier plot showing the estimated detection probabilities for atrial fibrillation (AF) in each study arm over the 52 weeks of the trial.

Shaded areas represent 95% confidence regions. Log-rank  $P=0.004$  (Mantel-Cox). RC indicates routine care.

**Conclusion**— Screening with twice-weekly single-lead iECG with remote interpretation in ambulatory patients  $\geq 65$  years of age at increased risk of stroke is significantly more likely to identify incident AF than RC over a 12-month period. This approach is also highly acceptable to this group of patients, supporting further evaluation in an appropriately powered, event-driven clinical trial.



## NHS to offer free devices and apps to help people manage illnesses

Health service seeks to use of technology to help patients manage conditions such as diabetes and heart disease



**i** New heart monitors will be able to detect irregular rhythms that are a key cause of sudden cardiac death, which kills 100,000 people in the UK every year. Photograph: Graham Turner for the Guardian

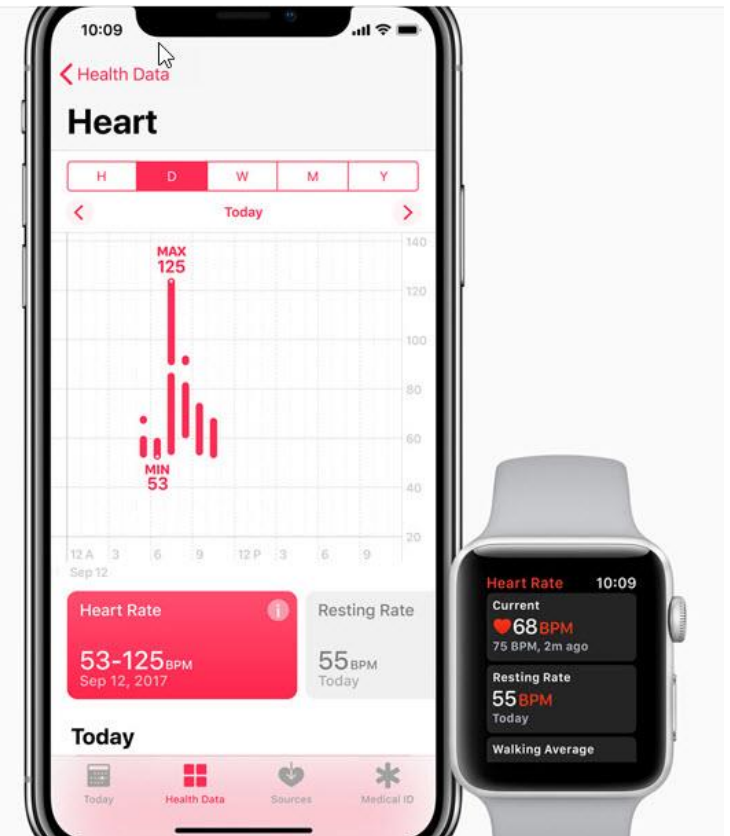
# Apple upgrades heart monitoring tech to flag arrhythmias, adds new study with Stanford Medicine



Atrial fibrillation  
Affects tens of millions  
Often undiagnosed



Apple Heart Study

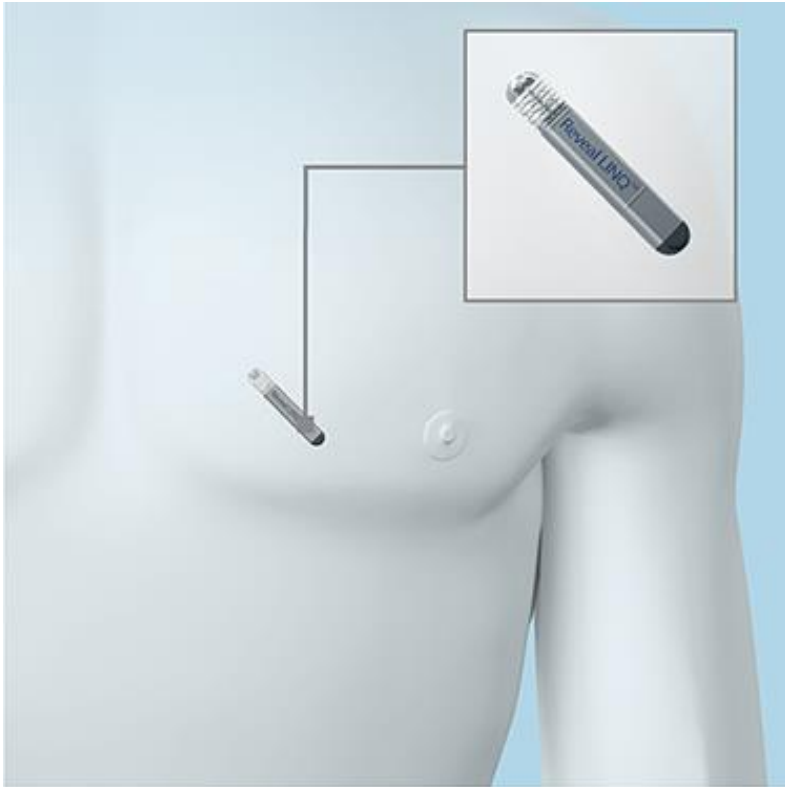


# Implantable devices as diagnostic tools

- Implantable devices such as pacemakers, ICD's and implantable event recorders have provided us with a valuable tool to document AF that would have otherwise not been realized and to describe the relationship between such AF episodes/burden and stroke/TIA events.
- Such devices have very high accuracy level exceeding 95%



# Implantable Cardiac Devices

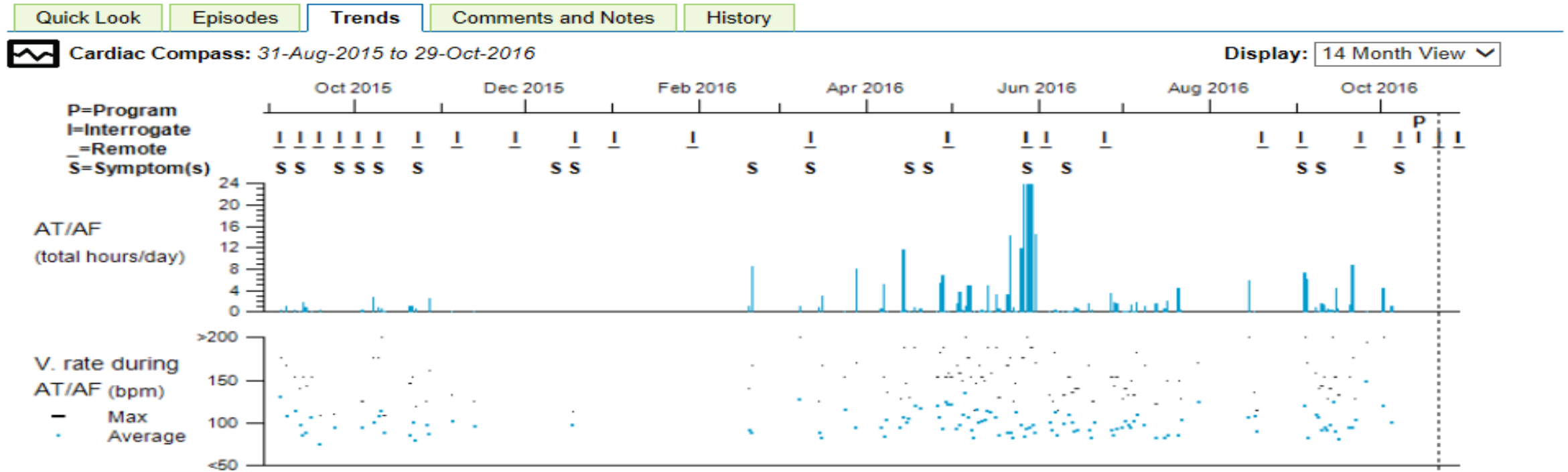


# Clinical Benefits of New Technology + Remote Monitoring

- Automatic early notification of changes in patient's clinical condition
- Such notifications allow for early clinical intervention
  - Atrial fibrillation management
  - Initiation of timely stroke prophylaxis



# Case : Atrial Fibrillation



40 year old man with paroxysmal atrial fibrillation

Quick Look

Episodes

Trends

Comments and Notes

History

Reveal LINQ™ LNQ11

Device Serial Number: RLA694498S

Reason for Monitoring: Suspected AF

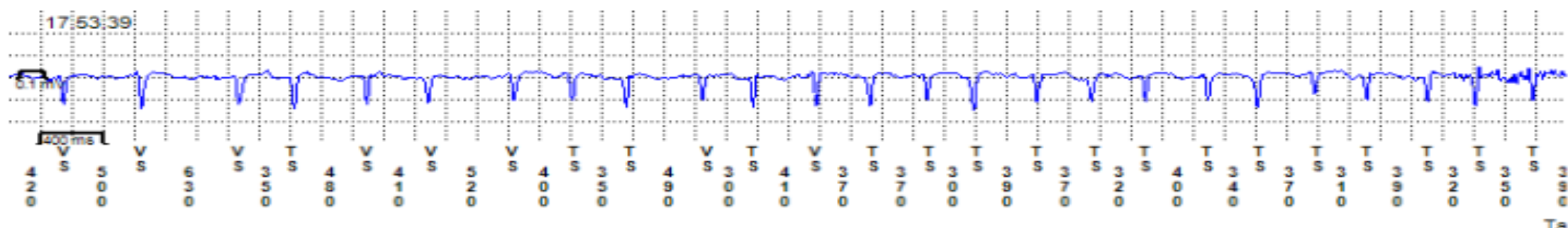
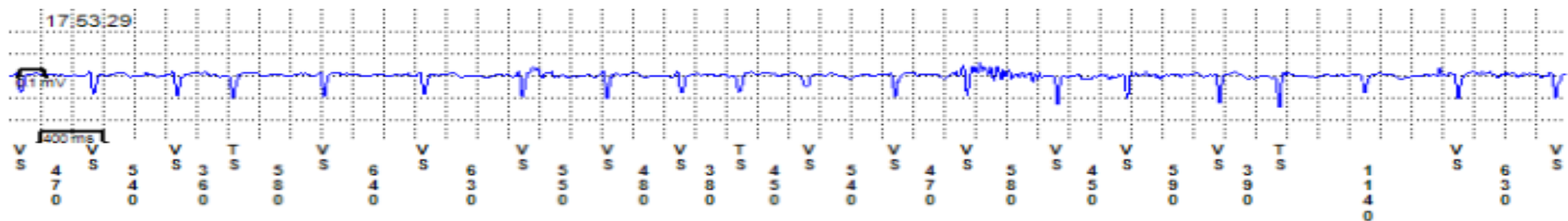
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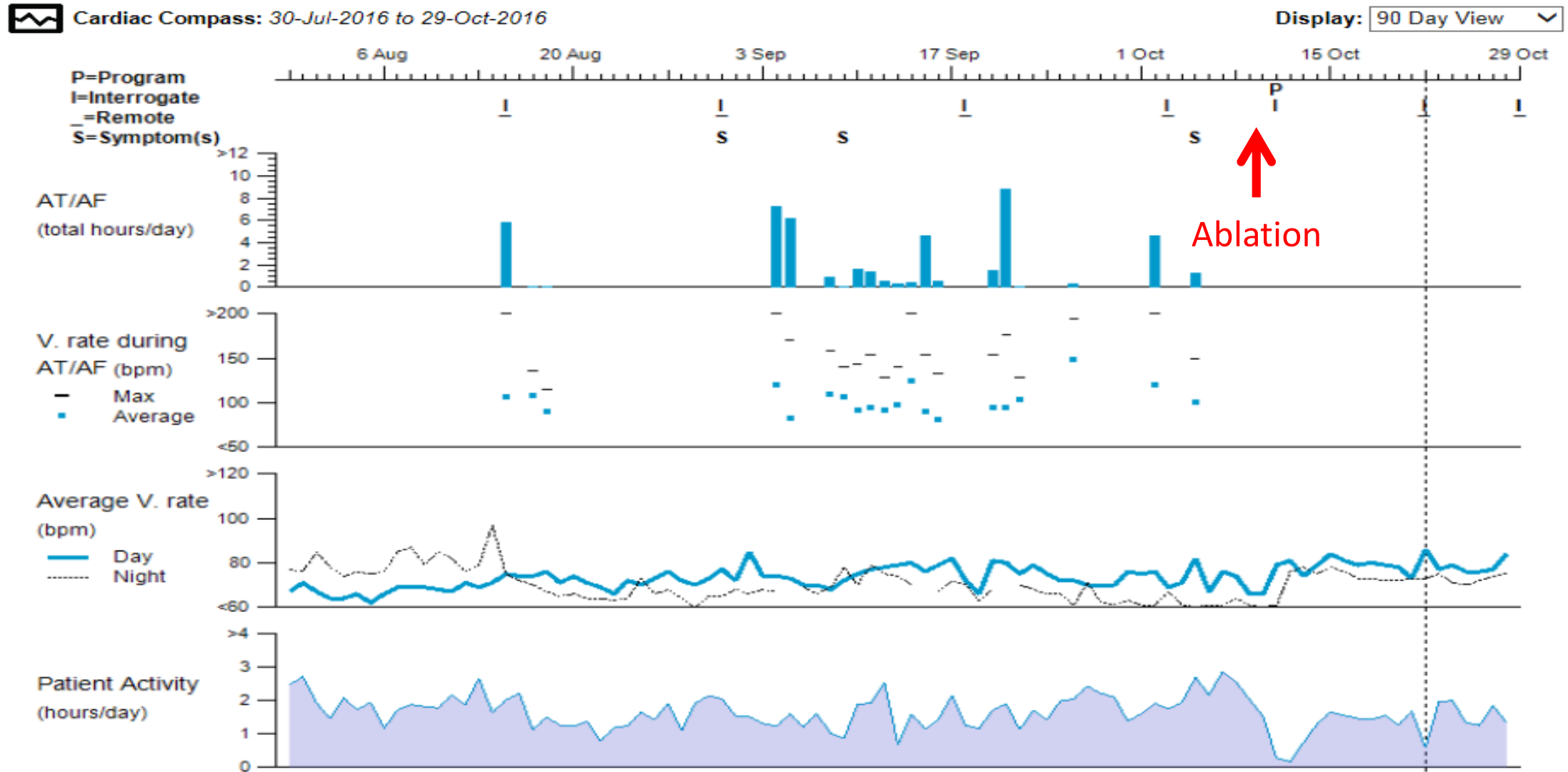
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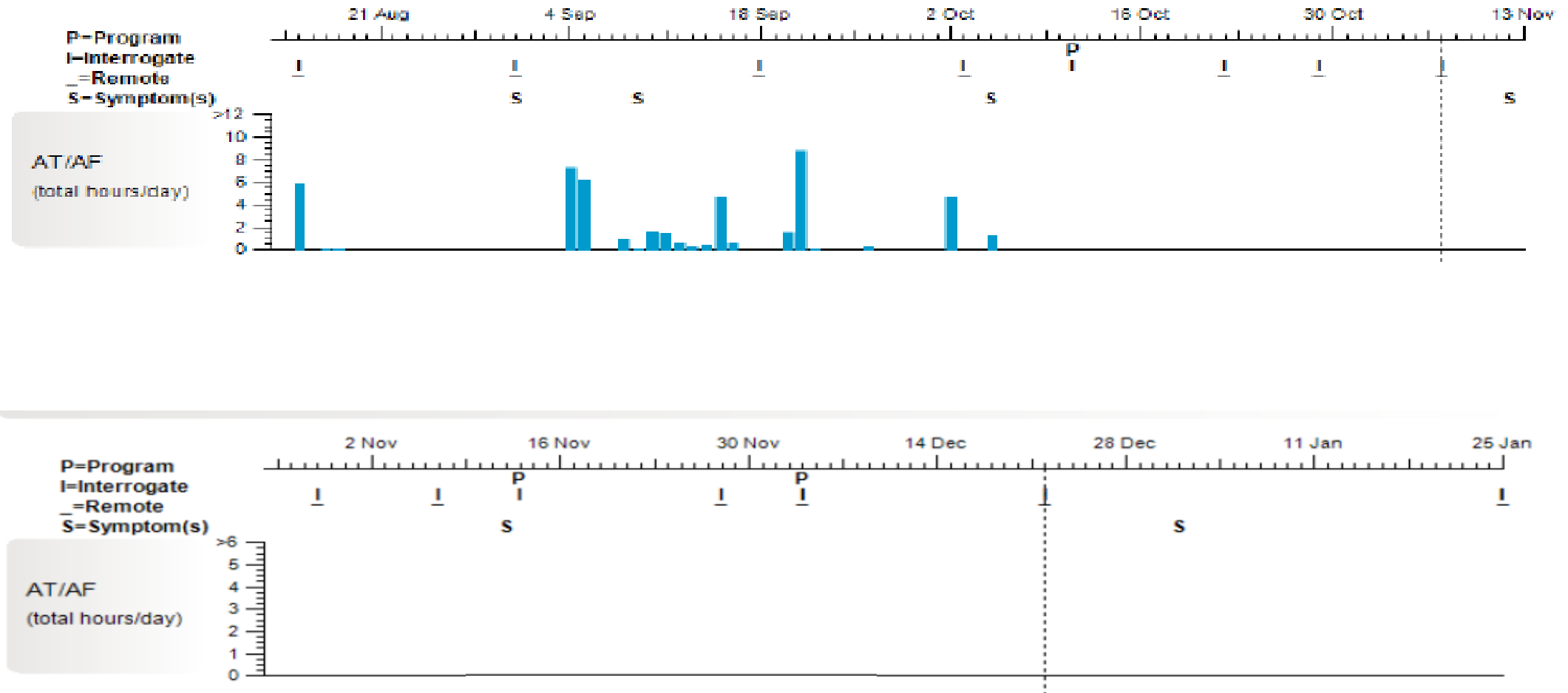
	Since 29-Oct-2016 20:18	Previous 22-Oct-2016 16:34 to 29-Oct-2016 20:18	Lifetime
Symptom	0	0	72
Tachy	0	0	50
Pause	0	0	0
Brady	0	0	1
AT	0	0	0
AF	0	0	136
% of Time in AT/AF	0.0%	0.0%	5.7%



# Case : Atrial Fibrillation



# Case 1: Atrial Fibrillation

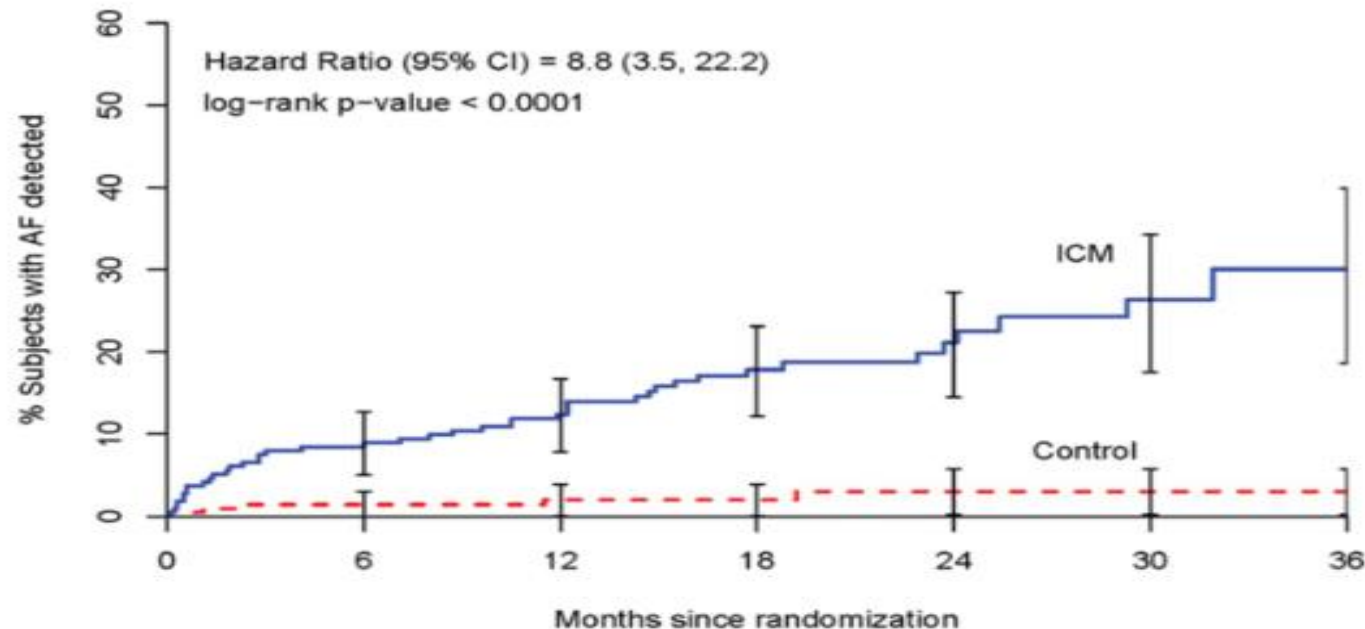


# Crystal AF Study

## A Comparison of Atrial Fibrillation Monitoring Strategies After Cryptogenic Stroke (from the Cryptogenic Stroke and Underlying AF Trial)



Time to first detection of atrial fibrillation by 36 months.



441 patients



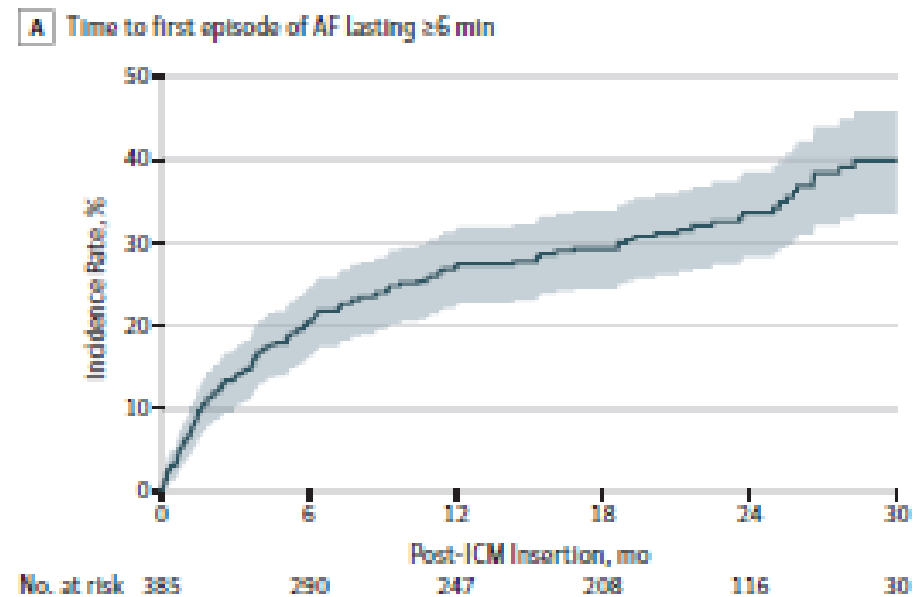
# Crystal AF Findings

- ICM is superior to standard monitoring in detection of AF in patients with cryptogenic stroke
- AF was detected in 30% of patients at 36 months in the ICM arm
- 92% of patients with AF in the ICM arm had a day with greater than 6 minutes of AF
- Detection of AF changed anticoagulation management in 97% of patients

# Incidence of Previously Undiagnosed Atrial Fibrillation Using Insertable Cardiac Monitors in a High-Risk Population

## The REVEAL AF Study

James A. Reiffel, MD; Atul Verma, MD; Peter R. Kowey, MD; Jonathan L. Halperin, MD; Bernard J. Gersh, MB, ChB, DPhil; Rolf Wachter, MD; Erika Poulliot, MS; Paul D. Ziegler, MS; for the REVEAL AF Investigators



# Relationship between device detected AF and embolic events – ASSERT Trial

*The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE*

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

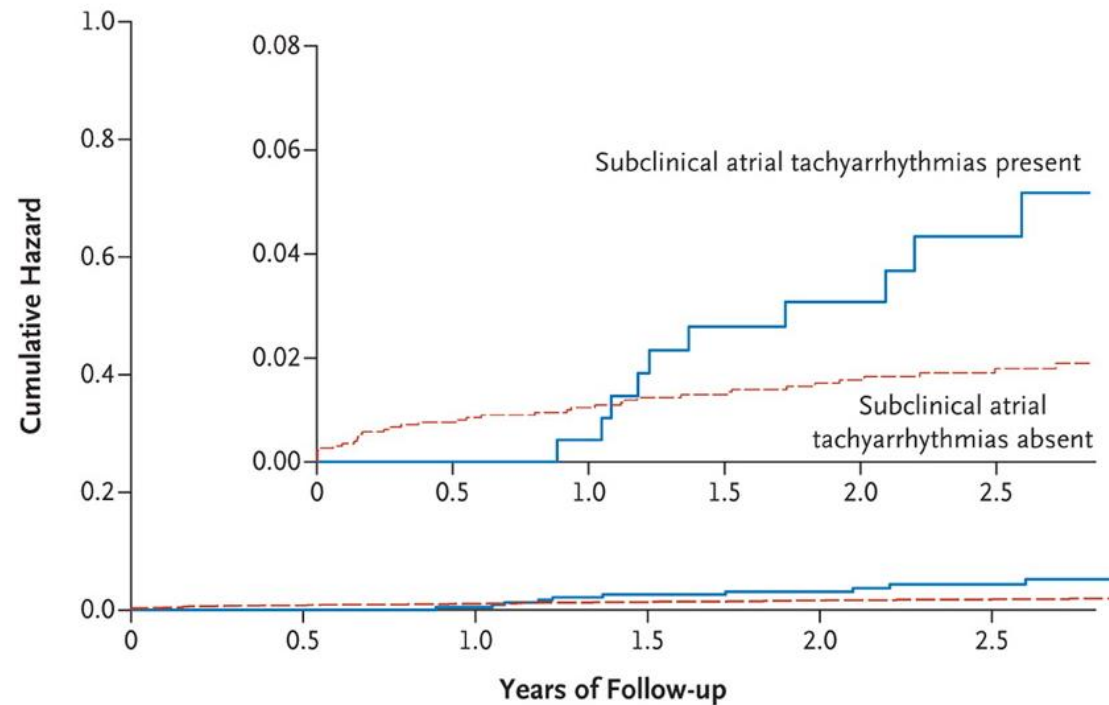
## Subclinical Atrial Fibrillation and the Risk of Stroke

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# ASSERT Trial

- SCAF were associated with an increased risk of ischemic stroke or systemic embolism (hazard ratio, 2.49).

**B** Risk of Ischemic Stroke or Systemic Embolism



# Conclusions

- A great percentage of patients with atrial fibrillation remain undiagnosed
- Patient operated, patient-friendly newer diagnostic tools offer hope for increased detection and improved management/follow-up of atrial fibrillation





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