

Steps to Creating an Atrial Fibrillation Center of Excellence

1. Know your baseline data.
2. Define success for your team.
3. Partner with administration and stakeholders.
4. Place emphasis on a comprehensive atrial fibrillation program across the service line and system.
5. Measure outcome data and celebrate successes.
6. Partner with other clinics who can help you reach success.

Opportunities for Standardization

1. ER pathway.
2. AFib EMR order sets.
3. Stroke risk assessment.
4. Cryptogenic stroke.
5. Patient education.
6. Peri-procedural issues / anticoagulation.
7. Referral pathways.
8. Lifestyle modification.

Potential Benefits of AFib Standardization

1. Improved patient outcomes.
2. Reduced ER visits and hospitalizations.
3. Reduced hospital length of stay.
4. Reduced patient costs.
5. Improved access to ablation.
6. Improved procedure outcomes.
7. Improved patient satisfaction.

Table 1: Opportunities for standardization of patient care identified within the Cone Health system.