Radiofrequency ablation of the pulmonary veins for the treatment of atrial fibrillation

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Radiofrequency ablation of the pulmonary veins entails the delivery of radiofrequency energy to multiple, closely spaced points at or near the atrium-vein junctions. The resulting localized tissue damage blocks abnormal electrical signals that arise in the pulmonary veins and trigger atrial fibrillation (AF). The chief goal of ablation in patients with AF is to improve their quality of life by eliminating or reducing symptoms and avoiding the adverse effects of medication.

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