

Appendix 2.2.2 Gap Analysis Matrix for AF

		Return to Sinus Rhythm/ Relief of Symptoms	Reduction in Recurrence of AF	Improvement in Cardiac Performance	Reduction in Strokes and Associated Mortality	Limited Side Effects	Minimally Invasive	Non-Invasive	Convenient for the Patient	Economics
Rhythm Control	Electrical Cardioversion	++	-	+	+/-	+	+	-	-	+
	Pharmacological Cardioversion	++	-	+	+/-	-	+	++	-	-
	Catheter Ablation	++	+	+	+	-	+	-	--	-
	Cox-Maze Surgery	+	+	+	+	--	--	----	----	--
	Implantable Defibrillators	+	-	+		--	-	--	--	--
Rate Control	Pharmacological Rate Control	-		+		-	+	+	+	+
	Catheter Ablation of the AV Node	-		+		-	+	-	-	--
Thromboembolic Risk	Pharmacological Therapy				++	--		++	-	+

Legend:

+ shows a positive effect

- shows a negative effect

A blank shows a neutral effect