

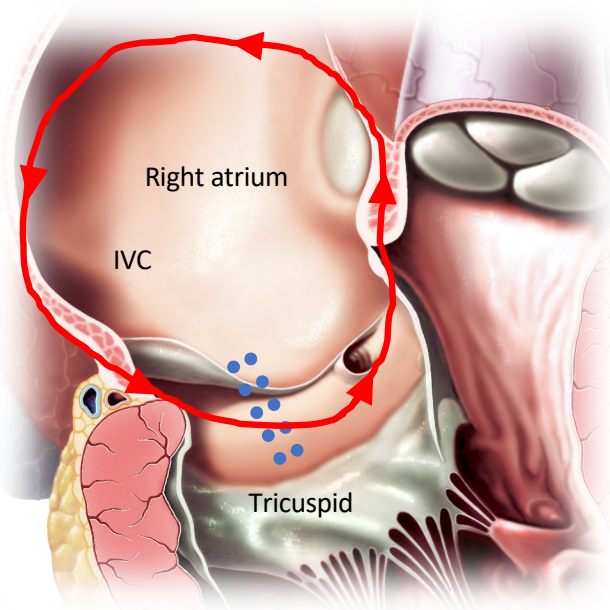
Atrial Flutter Ablation Cheat Sheet

Setup Checklist

- ☐ Propofol vs precedex gtt
- ☐ +/- 2nd IV setup
- ☐ Emergency vasoactive medications

Anesthesia Type	Typically sedation (relatively short procedure, less painful than AF ablation, and easier ablation pattern). General anesthesia only for poor sedation candidates.
Preop	<i>EP team often instructs patients to hold anti-arrhythmic medications pre-operatively</i> Query last AC meds (for thrombotic stroke risk with potential cardioversion)
Access	Consider second IV for EP heparin infusion <i>*arterial line only for cardiac/respiratory morbidity</i>
Sedation	Propofol or dexmedetomidine gtt
Intraprocedural Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients may experience short, mild discomfort during radiofrequency ablation • Minimize IVF administration (patient already receiving infusion through ablation catheter) • Monitoring for pericardial effusion, a rare but serious complication

Typical Atrial Flutter Circuit



Hypotension Differential Diagnosis

- Excess anesthesia relative to low stimulation
- Sudden rhythm change
- EP-mediated pacing
- Decompensated heart failure
- Blood loss from groin access sites
- Pericardial effusion +/- tamponade

! Pericardial Effusion Management !

- EP team preps for pericardiocentesis
- Avoid positive pressure ventilation
- Volume administration
- Ready ionotropes
- Discuss protamine reversal

Anesthesia Cognitive Aids