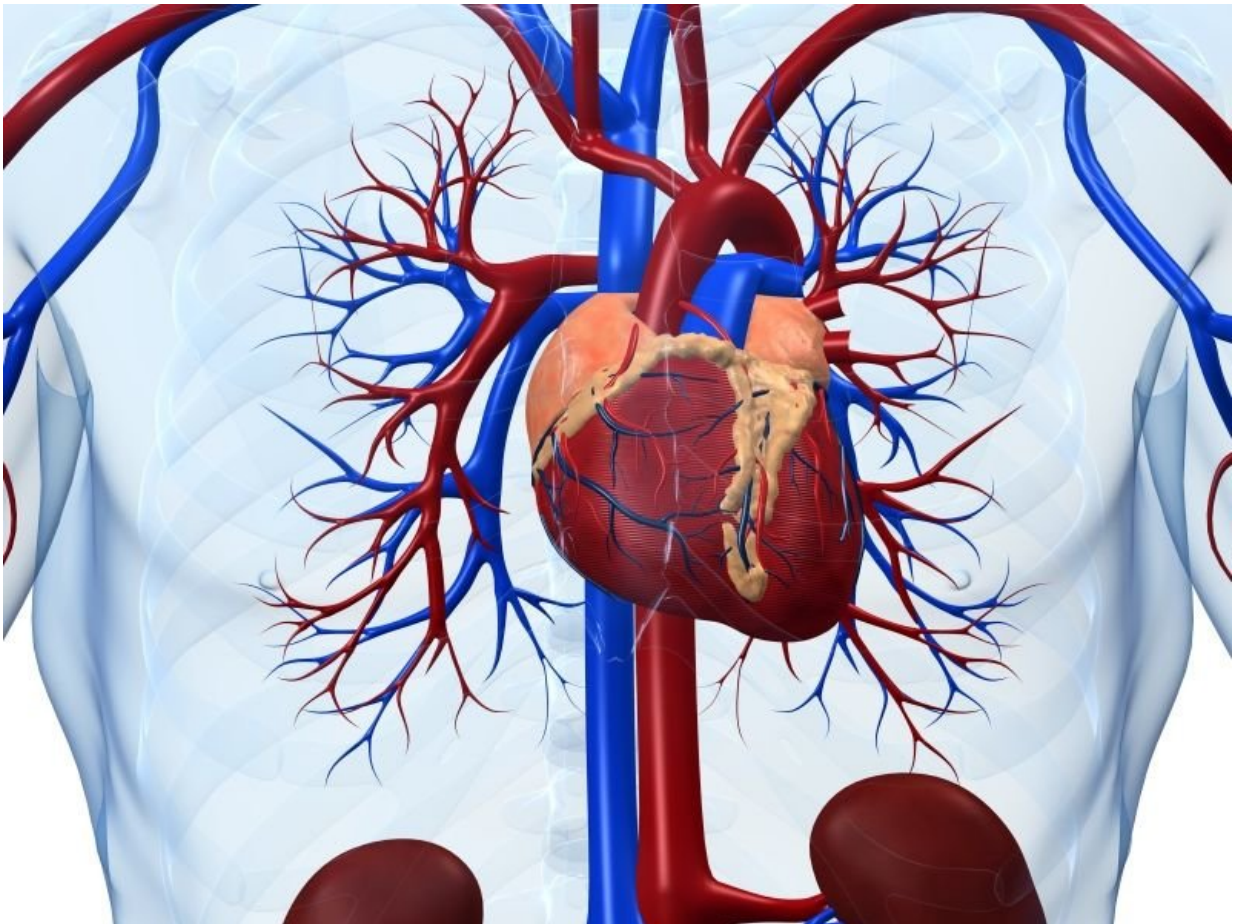


Ablation cuts risk of recurrent stroke in patients with A-fib

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(HealthDay)—For patients with atrial fibrillation (AF) and prior

cerebrovascular accident (CVA), ablation is associated with reduced risk of recurrent stroke, according to a study published online Nov. 13 in the *Journal of Cardiovascular Electrophysiology*.

Thomas Jared Bunch, M.D., from the Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah, and colleagues examined outcomes for AF ablation [patients](#) receiving their first ablation (139 patients), AF patients who did not receive ablation (416 patients), and CVA patients without clinical AF (416 patients). Patients had prior CVA, as determined by medical chart review, and five years of follow-up.

The researchers found that patients with AF ablation had higher rates of hypertension and heart failure (P heart failure was increased (hazard ratio, 3.08; P = 0.001).

"In patients with AF and a prior CVA, patients undergoing ablation have lower rates of [recurrent stroke](#) compared to AF patients not ablated," the authors write.

Several authors disclosed financial ties to the pharmaceutical and medical technology industries.

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