

This house believes: AF should be managed by Primary Care

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Definitions

- Specialist:
 - Knows more and more about less and less
till they know everything about nothing

Definitions

•General Practitioner

–A medical practitioner who provides primary care and specialises in family medicine. A general practitioner treats acute and chronic illnesses and provides preventive care and health education for all ages and both sexes. They have particular skills in treating people with multiple health issues and co-morbidities.

•Nurse

–A **nurse** is a healthcare professional who, in collaboration with other members of a health care team, is responsible for: treatment, safety, and recovery of acutely or chronically ill individuals.

Focus on Atrial Fibrillation

- Chronic Condition

- 600,000 patients with known atrial fibrillation
- Many patients in Permanent atrial fibrillation
- Many patients affected by recurrent Paroxysms
- Review in the long term

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- Preventative Measures
 - Stroke Risk assessment
 - Management of Anti-coagulation
 - On going risk assessment

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- Co-morbidities
 - Coronary Heart Disease
 - Congestive Heart Disease
 - Stroke
 - Diabetes

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- Support
 - Personal support
 - Family support
 - Individual education
 - Local awareness through local surgery

Focus on Atrial Fibrillation

- Screening
 - Routine Pulse Checking
 - Flu Clinic Screening
 - Diagnostics in Primary Care

Focus on Atrial Fibrillation

- Common

- At least 600,000 cases in England

- Number of GPs 32738

- Number of Cardiologists 600

- Number of Specialists 100

Summary

- The GP is always there
- Individual care for an individual with an illness
- Looks after the whole person not just the heart

Who are you going to call

