

A-Fib Center of Excellence at St.Vincent Heart Center of Indiana

Did you know:

1. Atrial fibrillation (A Fib) is the most common heart rhythm disorder and 2.2 million people in the United States are diagnosed.
2. 15% of patients discharged from Indiana hospitals and between the ages of 65 – 74, and 24% of those over 75, had Atrial Fibrillation as either a primary or secondary diagnosis.
3. There are 160,000 new cases diagnosed every year.
4. A Fib causes an increased risk for heart failure and an increased risk for stroke.
5. Patients need to understand the full range of treatment options and they frequently do not have the information needed to make the best treatment decisions.
6. Patients with A-Fib need treatment to get to normal rhythm Which will make them feel better and have a better quality of life.
7. The A-Fib Center of Excellence at St.Vincent Heart Center of Indiana offers patients a comprehensive testing range and a complete spectrum of treatment options.

Symptoms of A-Fib

1. irregular and rapid heartbeat
2. Heart palpitations
3. Rapid thumping, discomfort in the chest
4. Dizziness, sweating and chest pain or pressure
5. Shortness of breath
6. Weakness
7. Tiring more easily
8. Fainting

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St.Vincent care for more patients with A-Fib than any other health system in the state according to the IHHA data.

Dr. Prystowsky is one of 14 (9 American, 5 European) to co-author the American College of Cardiology/American Heart Association/European Society of Cardiology “Guidelines for the Management of Patients with Atrial Fibrillation”.

Dr. Prystowsky is the co-chair with Bill Bradley of a national A-Fib program being developed that will provide patients and families with information they need regarding treatment options.

Call 338-AFIB for more information or to make an appointment.