

# Atrial fibrillation and congestive heart failure (AF-CHF) study

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**Plain English summary of protocol**  
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**IRAS number**

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NCT00597077

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MCT-41552

# Study information

## Scientific Title

Restoring and maintaining sinus rhythm versus rate control treatment strategy to reduce cardiovascular mortality in patients with atrial fibrillation and congestive heart failure: a randomised controlled trial

## Acronym

AF-CHF

## Study objectives

Restoring and maintaining sinus rhythm reduces cardiovascular mortality (instead of 'improves survival') compared to a rate control treatment strategy in patients with AF and CHF.

## Ethics approval required

Old ethics approval format

## Ethics approval(s)

Comité d'éthique de la recherche et du développement des nouvelles technologies, Institut de Cardiologie de Montréal, 05/04/2001

## Study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Primary study design

Interventional

## Secondary study design

Randomised controlled trial

## Study setting(s)

Hospital

## Study type(s)

Treatment

## Participant information sheet

## Health condition(s) or problem(s) studied

Atrial fibrillation, congestive heart failure

## Interventions

1. Restoring and maintaining sinus rhythm compared to a rate control treatment strategy
2. Resting electrocardiogram (ECG) and a 6-minute walk test
3. Electrical cardioversion
4. Pacemaker implantation

Trial details received: 12 Sept 2005

## Intervention Type

Other

**Phase**

Not Applicable

**Primary outcome measure**

Cardiovascular death during follow-up which will end for all patients on 30/06/2007

**Secondary outcome measures**

1. Total mortality
2. Stroke
3. Hospitalisation
4. Quality of life
5. Cost of therapy
6. Composite endpoint of cardiovascular death and stroke

**Overall study start date**

01/10/2000

**Completion date**

30/09/2007

## **Eligibility**

**Key inclusion criteria**

1. Symptomatic CHF (New York Heart Association [NYHA] class II - IV) at some time during the 6 months before randomisation (instead of '3 months')
2. Aged greater than or equal to 50 years old, either sex
3. Left ventricular ejection fraction less than or equal to 35%
4. History of significant atrial fibrillation
5. Patients must be eligible for long term treatment with either treatment strategy of AF
6. AF is known to be present and uninterrupted for greater than 12 months prior to randomisation

**Participant type(s)**

Patient

**Age group**

Adult

**Sex**

Both

**Target number of participants**

1375

**Key exclusion criteria**

1. Reverse cause of AF such as acute pericarditis, pulmonary embolism, hyperthyroidism, alcohol intoxication
2. Unstable (pulmonary oedema, hypoperfusion) decompensated CHF

3. Antiarrhythmic drugs other than calcium channel blockers, beta-blockers or digoxin required for other arrhythmias or indications
4. Atrial fibrillation occurring and not persisting beyond 10 days after surgery or myocardial infarction
5. Second or third degree AV block, sinus pause greater than 3 seconds, resting heart rate less than 50 bpm without a permanent pacemaker
6. History of drug-induced or congenital long QT syndrome
7. Reversible causes of CHF such as severe aortic or mitral stenosis and tachycardia-induced cardiomyopathy
8. Prior AV nodal ablation or maze surgery
9. Probable cardiac transplantation in the next 6 months
10. Chronic renal failure requiring dialysis
11. Women of childbearing potential and not on a reliable method of birth control

**Date of first enrolment**

01/10/2000

**Date of final enrolment**

30/09/2007

## Locations

**Countries of recruitment**

Canada

Israel

United States of America

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## Sponsor information

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**Sponsor type**

Research organisation

**Website**

<http://www.icm-mhi.org>

**ROR**

<https://ror.org/03vs03g62>

## Funder(s)

**Funder type**

Research organisation

**Funder Name**

Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR) (Canada) - <http://www.cihr-irsc.gc.ca> (ref: MCT-41552)

## Results and Publications

**Publication and dissemination plan**

Not provided at time of registration

**Intention to publish date****Individual participant data (IPD) sharing plan****IPD sharing plan summary**

Not provided at time of registration

**Study outputs**

Output type	Details	Date created	Date added	Peer reviewed?	Patient-facing?
<a href="#">Protocol article</a>	protocol	01/10/2002		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	19/06/2008		Yes	No
<a href="#">Results article</a>	results	01/02/2014		Yes	No