

Dear Colleagues,

Greetings!

Following the Pilot phase, carried out in 70 centres in nine European countries, the European Society of Cardiology has launched the **long-term Atrial Fibrillation General Registry**.

This study is designed to enable a timely assessment of the uptake of the new ESC guidelines, allow monitoring of implementation and uptake of catheter ablation, new antithrombotic drugs and new antiarrhythmic agents, and will provide valuable information about outcomes related to guideline-adherent management of AF.

For the long-term phase, all centres from the 56 ESC member countries are invited to participate. Centres are asked to include a minimum of 20 consecutive patients during an inclusion period of four months, and to perform a follow-up evaluation at 1, 2 and 3 years.

The National Societies of Cardiology initiate the preparation and development of the registry in each country and National Coordinators are being selected to coordinate the implementation of the registry in their country. National Coordinators are responsible for obtaining the approval of the local and national review boards for this survey, if necessary.

The EURObservational Research Department (EORP) at the European Heart House is coordinating this observational study and providing administrative support to the Committees, National Coordinators, and participating centres, thereby ensuring the methodological integrity of the registry.

If you would like to participate in the **Atrial Fibrillation General Long-Term Registry**, or if you have suggestions, questions or requests, please do not hesitate to contact us at: [eorp@escardio.org](mailto:eorp@escardio.org)

We thank all of you for your efforts and ask you to contribute to this important initiative.

With best wishes,

Professor Gregory Y H Lip

PS. All documentation needed for legal approval is available on the website: Protocol, CRF (.pdf version), Patient Informed Consent Form, etc. This documentation can also be shared with colleagues who are willing to participate in your country.

