



# Pharmacy Grand Rounds

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## Is Rate Control the Rate-limiting Step in Management of Atrial Fibrillation? Rate versus Rhythm Control with a Focus on Antiarrhythmic Drugs

**Session Date:** 02/13/2024

**Session Time:** 11:00 – 11:45 AM (CST)

### Target Audience

This continuing education (CE) session was planned to meet the needs of professional staff who deal with the selection and monitoring of medication(s) as part of their patient care duties, including pharmacists, RNs, APRNs, PAs, MDs.

### Activity Overview

Atrial fibrillation is the most common cardiac arrhythmia, and patients with atrial fibrillation have an increased risk of death, stroke, and cardiovascular disease. Medications and procedures can be used to manage atrial fibrillation through impacting the heart rate and/or heart rhythm. Historically, rate control has been first-line treatment for management of atrial fibrillation, however, recent literature suggests a push towards rhythm control as an early intervention strategy. This presentation will review literature comparing rate versus rhythm control, recent guideline updates, and provide an overview of drug treatments with a focus on antiarrhythmic drugs.

### Learning Objectives

At the conclusion of this knowledge-based CE session, participants should be able to:

1. Contrast findings in the 2002 AFFIRM trial with the 2020 EAST-AFNET 4 trial
2. Discuss updates in the 2023 ACC/AHA Guidelines for Diagnosis and Management of Atrial Fibrillation
3. Assess antiarrhythmic drug options given individual patient characteristics

### Faculty Information

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