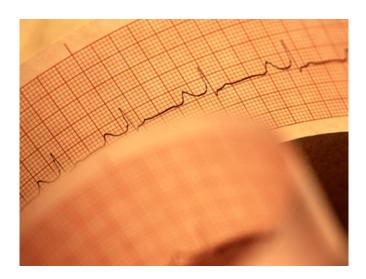


## Cardiomyopathy etiology impacts catheter ablation outcomes

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(HealthDay)—For patients with atrial fibrillation (AF) and left ventricular systolic dysfunction, cardiomyopathy etiology impacts long term outcomes of catheter ablation, according to a study published online Dec. 28 in the *Journal of Cardiovascular Electrophysiology*.

Sandeep Prabhu, M.B.B.S., from Alfred Hospital in Melbourne, Australia, and colleagues examined the impact of cardiomyopathy etiology on long-term outcomes following catheter ablation for AF. Participants included 101 patients with known heart disease as a cause of cardiomyopathy (KHD; 77 patients) and idiopathic dilated cardiomyopathy (IDCM; 24 patients). The patients had left ventricular ejection fraction (LVEF)

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