New Technology in **Arrhythmia Management: The Pioneer Spirit**

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 - Cardiofocus Laser Balloon
 - VytronUS
 - Iowa Approach





Outline

- Brief Review of AF Mechanisms
- Current Ablation Techniques
- Mechanisms of Recurrence
- Future Directions





True or False Question

- Atrial Fibrillation is likely to happen in one of the following over the course of their lifetime
 - David Sandler MD
 - Sean Mazer MD
 - Jared Bunch MD
 - Shephal Doshi MD





Lifetime Risk of Atrial Fibrillation

- Lloyd-Jones D et al, Circulation 110:1042 (2004)
 - All Framingham Heart Study participants free of AF at index age ≥ 40
 - 3999 men & 4726 women from 1968-1999
 - Estimated lifetime risk of AF/AFL to age 95
 - 936 developed AF
 - 2621 died without prior AF
 - Lifetime risks for AF:
 - At age 40: 26% men & 23% women
 - At age 80: 23% men & 22% women
 - In patients w/o prior CHF/MI, lifetime risk of AF was 16%
 - → Lifetime risk of AF:
 - \rightarrow 1 in 4 for individuals \geq 40
 - → 1 in 6 for those without prior CHF or MI





Lifetime Risk

- Atrial Fibrillation
 - -1 in 4 for individuals ≥ 40
 - 1 in 6 for those without prior CHF or MI
- Breast Cancer
 - 1 in 8 at age 40
- Hip Fracture
 - 1 in 6 at age 50





Atrial Fibrillation Mechanism and Pathogenesis



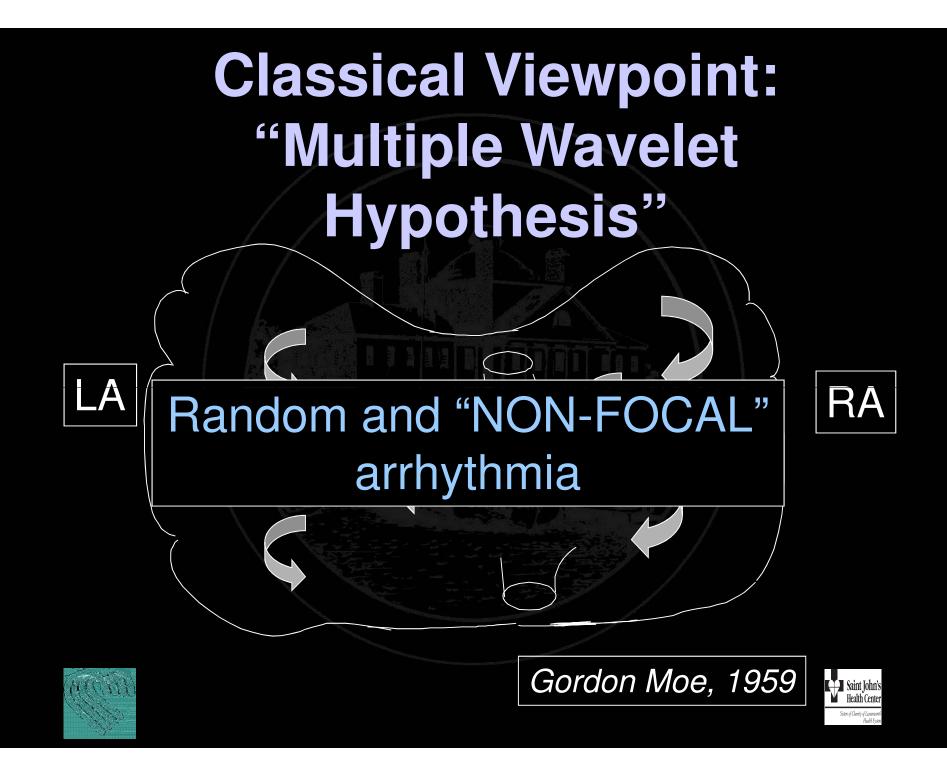


Physiology

- First described in 1903
- Electrical wavelets propagating in different directions causing disorganized atrial depolarizations without organized contractions







The "MAZE" Procedure









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How can the Pulmonary Veins Generate and Conduct Electrical Impulse?





