

Atrial Fibrillation Quick Reference



ICD-10 Diagnosis Term	Definition
Paroxysmal AF	AF that terminates spontaneously or with intervention within seven days of onset. Episodes may recur with variable frequency.
Persistent AF	Continuous AF that is sustained > seven days.
Long-standing Persistent AF	Continuous AF > 12 months in duration; treating rate and rhythm.
Permanent AF	Continuous AF >12 months in duration; treating rate only. Agreement between patient and clinician not to pursue further interventions.
Caution: A diagnostic statement of "Chronic AF" defaults to Permanent AF.	

These definitions have been adapted from Table 3 of the 2014 AHA/ACC/HRS Guideline for the Management of Patients with Atrial Fibrillation; approved for Munson Healthcare system use by the ICD-10 Cardiology Collaborative. <http://content.onlinejacc.org/article.aspx?articleid=1854230>