

# Registry Implementation

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# Disclosures

- I don't do AF ablations
- I hope I never need an AF ablation
- I am a therapeutic skeptic\*
- I am wrong more than I would like to admit

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# Plan for Initial Pilot

- Most large, complex initiatives need a pilot
- The purpose of this pilot is to familiarize, not to judge feasibility
- May be able to adjust measurement instruments

# Phasing

- Logistical and financial rationale
- Progression in terms of number of centers and amount of information to be gathered
- Academic and large center bias
- Need for single versus multiple instruments

# Follow-up

- Essential to the success of the project but it is the most complex aspect
- 30 years would be optimal—might make some sense out of 5 year data
- Simple is best

# Stopping Rules

- There should be none—ordinary reasons to stop a clinical trial are the very reason why a registry should continue as long as the technique is performed.
- But there also should be flexibility to account for sea changes in our discipline.
- CABANA provides perspective