



Summary of NICE Guidelines

Title	Percutaneous endoscopic catheter laser balloon pulmonary vein isolation for atrial fibrillation
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Summary of Guidance (Max 250 words)	The technique is used to place laser energy to ablate cardiac tissue to isolate the source of pathological electrical signals causing atrial fibrillation. There is currently limited evidence on the use of this technique, and its outcomes. Caution needs to be used by practitioners when considering its use and further research required.
Impact on Lab (See below)	■ None
Lab professionals to be made aware	None
Please detail the impact of this guideline (Max 150 words)	No impact on the laboratory. No biochemistry testing involved.

Impact on Lab

- **None:** This NICE guideline has no impact on the provision of laboratory services
- **Moderate:** This NICE guideline has information that is of relevance to our pathology service and may require review of our current service provision.
- **Important:** This NICE guideline is of direct relevance to our pathology service and will have a direct impact on one or more of the services that we currently offer.