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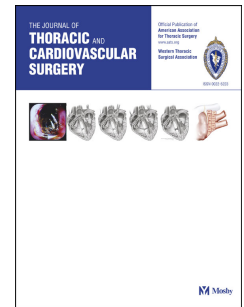
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**Central Message:**

A stepped approach for treating low to high risk patients for POAF with one or 2 medications needs to be tested in future trials.

**Perspective Statement:**

Create a multidisciplinary team that works best at individual institutions using prediction rules for POAF prevention and formalizing management protocols. A stepped approach for treating low risk patients for POAF with one medication and those with intermediate to high risk with 2 medications needs to be tested in future trials.

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