



## **Submission to the Australian Heart Foundation: April 2018**

### **GUIDELINES FOR THE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION IN AUSTRALIA 2018 & GUIDELINES FOR THE PREVENTION, DETECTION AND MANAGEMENT OF HEART FAILURE IN AUSTRALIA 2018**

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) welcomes the opportunity to provide its submission to the Australian Heart Foundation (the Foundation) consultations to develop guidelines on atrial fibrillation and heart failure, as outlined above.

ACEM is a not-for-profit organisation responsible for the training and ongoing education of emergency physicians, and for the advancement of professional standards in emergency medicine, in Australia and New Zealand. As the peak professional organisation for emergency medicine, ACEM has a vital interest in ensuring the highest standards of emergency medical care are maintained for all patients.

ACEM's submissions incorporate the feedback from our Members and is clinical in nature. Comments are listed against specific sections or sentences of the recommendations contained within the guidelines.

ACEM looks forward to continuing to work with the Foundation in the development and implementation of the guidelines. The Foundation must continue to ensure that clinical expertise is incorporated into any systems-based approaches, and in order to provide maximal benefit to patients and clinicians. If you require any clarification or further information, please do not hesitate to contact ACEM Policy Officer, Lee Moskwa, on (03) 9320 0444 or [lee.moskwa@acem.org.au](mailto:lee.moskwa@acem.org.au).

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