What is the **Convergent Approach**?

The Convergent Approach is a minimally invasive technique for performing cardiac ablation.
What to Expect?

The Convergent Approach

The Convergent Approach is a minimally invasive cardiac ablation performed in an operating room or electrophysiology laboratory. Prior to the procedure, you will be given a general anesthetic to minimize any discomfort. During the procedure, you will be lying on your back while you are continuously monitored throughout the procedure by medical personnel.

As with any surgery, success will depend on your age, activity level and other factors. Your doctor will determine if you are a good candidate for the Convergent Approach procedure.
The physician will create an incision just below the rib cage (or in the abdomen) and then in the pericardium (the sac that holds the heart). A cannula will be inserted into the chest cavity to provide a pathway for the ablation device (EPI-Sense Device*) to reach the back of the heart. The ablation device will be suctioned on to the heart and then the physician will turn on the radiofrequency energy to create a scar on the heart. Following the surgical ablations performed with the EPI-Sense Device, further ablations may be performed depending on your physician’s discretion.

*The EPI-Sense Guided Coagulation System with VisiTrax® technology is intended for the coagulation of cardiac tissue using Radiofrequency (RF) energy using thoracoscopic, endoscopic, and laparoscopic surgical techniques and may be used for temporary cardiac signal sensing and recording.

After the Procedure

Following your procedure, you will be monitored during your recovery. Your doctor will determine how long you need to be in the hospital. If necessary, your doctor will discuss prescriptions for cardiac medications and pain management. Following your procedure, your doctor will schedule a follow-up appointment and continued follow up will be determined by your doctor.
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Please review the Instructions for Use for a complete listing of contraindication, warnings, precautions and potential adverse events prior to using these devices.

Individual results may vary. Please consult with your physician regarding your condition and appropriate medical treatment.

The devices are used to form scars in the heart tissue. Possible problems during the procedure may result in the formation of unwanted scar tissue, damage to nerve and blood vessels, heart rhythm disorder, blood clots, pooling of fluid in the sac around the heart and tissue tearing or puncture.

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**U.S. Indications:** The EPi-Sense Guided Coagulation System with VisiTrax is intended for the coagulation of cardiac tissue using RF energy using thorascopic, endoscopic, and laparoscopic surgical techniques and may be used for temporary cardiac signal sensing and recording during surgery when connected to an external recording device.

**Rx Only.**