Procedure

Access and Catheter Placement

The absence of an intracardiac thrombus is typically confirmed with a preoperative TEE, although there is increasing utilization of ICE to interrogate the left atrial appendage (LAA) intraprocedurally. Following induction of general anesthesia, bilateral femoral venous access is obtained utilizing a vascular ultrasound probe (Chapter 5), with placement of access sheaths for advancement of catheters. These include a multielectrode mapping catheter (e.g., PentaRay or Lasso, Biosense Webster; Advisor HD Grid Mapping Catheter, SE,