The contributors cover atrial fibrillation ablation based on the 2007 Venice Chart international consensus document.

Over the past five years, the technique of catheter ablation for atrial fibrillation (AF) has evolved from being an experimental procedure to the most common ablation performed in many electrophysiology laboratories throughout the world. Nevertheless, many aspects of the therapy are still controversial, from ablation techniques to procedural endpoints; patient management pre-, during, and postablation; hospital facilities; training requirements/competences; prevention and treatment of complications; and definition of success and long-term results. Consensus for these issues among the many physicians involved in the management of AF would be useful.

With this in mind, the organizers of Venice Arrhythmias 2007, an International Workshop that takes place every two years in Italy, assembled world-recognized experts in the field to develop the present Venice Chart document, a synthesis of the consensus reached by these experts.