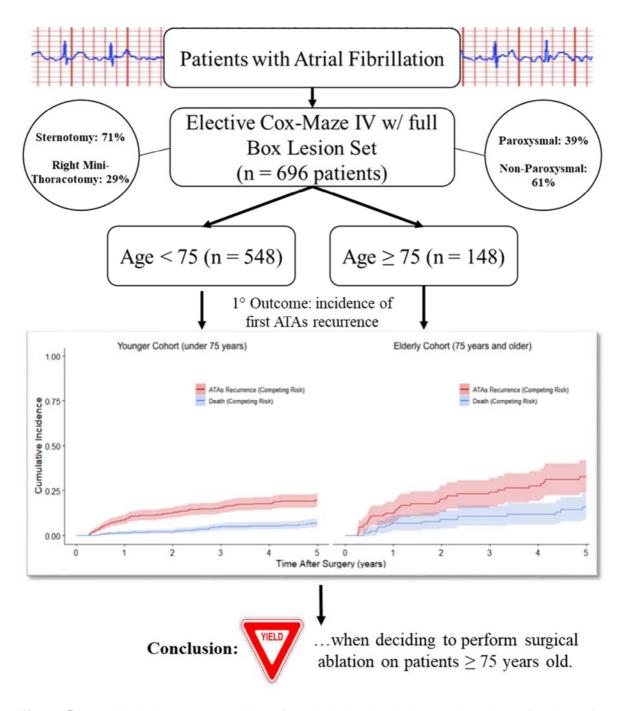
## **Data Supplement**

**Table 6.** Patients available for follow-up during study period. Initial cohort was comprised of 696 patients who underwent CMP-IV. Patients available for follow-up include all patients available at time of data collection (regardless of recurrence status) for each discrete timepoint. The number of deceased patients refers to the cumulative mortality at each timepoint. Patients not available for follow-up and not known to be deceased are displayed as censored.

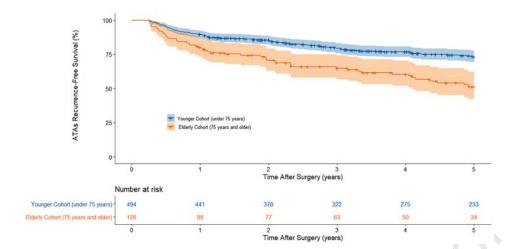
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Year	Total Patients	Patients	Deceased Patients	Censored Patients	
Follow-Up		Available			
1	636	499	59	138	
2	555	401	140	155	
3	480	319	215	162	
4	415	254	280	162	
5	350	205	345	146	

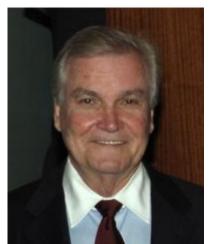
**Table 7.** Non-censored patients available for follow-up.

Year Follow-	Non-censored Patients	Younger Cohort (Age <	Elderly Cohort (Age ≥			
Up	Available at Follow-up	75)	75)			
1	499	406	93			
2	401	326	75			
3	319	265	54			
4	254	209	45			
5	205	169	36			



**Figure 5.** Graphical Abstract. Overview of study design including total number of study patients undergoing elective Cox-Maze IV procedure with full Box Lesion set for symptomatic atrial fibrillation (n = 696). Patients divided into two cohorts based on age at time of surgery: age < 75 years (n = 548) and age  $\geq 75$  years (n = 148). Primary outcome was incidence of first ATAs recurrence. By competing risk analysis, the incidence of first ATAs recurrence was higher in elderly patients. The lower success rate in elderly patients should be considered when deciding to perform surgical ablation.





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