



*Book Supplement*

**Driving Recommendations for Patients with Syncope**

<b>Cause of Syncope</b>	<b>Private Drivers</b>	<b>Professional Drivers</b>
<i>Cardiac Syncope</i>		
Arrhythmia treated medically	After successful treatment	After successful treatment
Pacemaker placement	Within 1 week	Once appropriate function is established
Ablation	Successful treatment at 3 months	Successful treatment at 3 months
ICD	Controversial	Never
<i>Neurally Mediated – Vasovagal, Carotid Sinus Syndrome, or Situational</i>		
Mild	No restrictions	No restriction unless syncope occurred during high-risk activity
Severe	After symptoms controlled or effective therapy established	Never unless effective treatment established
<i>Syncope of Uncertain Cause</i>		
Mild	No restriction unless syncope occurred during high-risk activity	After diagnosis and effective therapy established
Severe	After diagnosis and effective therapy established	After diagnosis and effective therapy established

Adapted from The Task Force on Syncope, European Society of Cardiology. Guidelines on management (diagnosis and treatment) of syncope – Update 2004. Executive Summary. Eur Heart J. 2004;25:2054-2072.

ICD = implantable cardioverter defibrillator.

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