TAKE CHARGE OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION & STROKE RISK

JUST THE FACTS: AFib & Stroke

Atrial Fibrillation (AFib) is a heart condition in which the upper chambers of your heart quiver. This condition can cause blood clots to form in an area of your heart called the left atrial appendage (LAA). If a blood clot forms here, it can travel through an artery to the brain and cause a stroke.

90% of stroke-causing clots that come from the heart are formed in the LAA.

5x GREATER RISK OF STROKE FOR AF PATIENTS

Blood thinners help prevent clots by thinning the blood but they come with an increased risk of bleeding.

A LIFE-CHANGING ALTERNATIVE: WATCHMAN

WATCHMAN is a one-time procedure for people with AFib not caused by a heart valve problem who are looking for an alternative to long-term blood thinners. WATCHMAN reduces the risk of stroke by sealing off the LAA to prevent harmful blood clots from forming there.

PERMANENT IMPLANT

FDA APPROVED

24-HOUR AVERAGE HOSPITAL STAY

TYPICAL PROCEDURE IS LESS THAN 1 HOUR

ABOUT THE SIZE OF A QUARTER

>100K PATIENTS IMPLANTED AND COUNTING

99%

OF PATIENTS WERE ABLE TO DISCONTINUE WARFARIN® AFTER 1 YEAR

Preval Clinical Study†

†Warfarin is a common type of blood thinner

VISIT WATCHMAN.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION


Important Safety Information:
The WATCHMAN Device is a permanent implant designed to close the left atrial appendage in the heart in an effort to reduce the risk of stroke.

Both medical procedures have risks associated with the implant procedure and the use of the device. The risks include but are not limited to: death, stroke, serious bleeding, heart valve complications, atrial fibrillation, procedure-related complications, embolization, blood clots, blood clots in the lungs, and device failure. Watch closely for blood clots, changes in the atrial rhythm, or symptoms of the WATCHMAN™ Device, such as chest pain, shortness of breath, or unusual bleeding. If you notice blood clots, or symptoms, you should report them to your doctor immediately.

Before talking with your doctor so that you thoroughly understand all of the risks and benefits associated with the implantation of the WATCHMAN Device.

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