Is life without blood thinners possible?

YES.

Many people take blood thinners to reduce the risk of stroke related to AFib, but did you know there is an alternative?

IT'S CALLED WATCHMAN™

AFIB AND STROKE RISK

The average person with AFib is 5X MORE LIKELY TO SUFFER A STROKE than someone with a regular heartbeat. Here’s why:

AFib causes your heart to beat irregularly, which affects its ability to pump blood normally.

When the heart doesn’t pump as it should, blood can collect and form clots.

If a clot escapes, it can cut off the blood supply to the brain causing a stroke.

HOW WATCHMAN WORKS

WATCHMAN fits into a part of your heart called the left atrial appendage (LAA).

90% of stroke-causing blood clots that come from the heart are formed in the LAA.1

WATCHMAN permanently closes off this part of your heart to keep those blood clots from escaping.

IS WATCHMAN RIGHT FOR YOU?

If the following statements are relevant to you, ask your doctor about WATCHMAN.

✔ I have AFib not caused by a heart valve problem

✔ My doctor recommended that I take a blood thinner

✔ I’m suitable for short term blood thinners but need an alternative to long-term use

✔ I have an appropriate rationale to seek an alternative

FOR MORE INFORMATION

TALK TO YOUR CARDIOLOGIST OR VISIT WATCHMAN.COM


IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

The WATCHMAN and WATCHMAN FLX Devices are permanent implants designed to close the left atrial appendage in the heart in an effort to reduce the risk of stroke.

With all medical procedures there are risks associated with the implant procedure and the use of the device. The risks include but are not limited to: device malposition, stroke, bleeding, puncture of the artery or vein, infection, permanent damage to the LAA, embolization, atrial fibrillation, atrial tachycardia, atrial flutter, atrial rearrhythmia, atrial reentry tachycardia, non-occlusive partial LAA thrombosis, and potential and/or actual heart failure. You should discuss the risks and benefits of this procedure with your doctor. If you experience any of these adverse events, please contact your doctor or contact Boston Scientific at 1-800-237-3948. You may also report adverse events to the FDA MedWatch program at 1-800-FDA-1088 or online at www.fda.gov/medwatch. You should also report any adverse events to your doctor.