Do You or a Loved One Have AFib?

A one-time implant for stroke risk reduction may be right for you

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Understanding AFib and Stroke Risk

AFib (atrial fibrillation) is a heart rhythm disorder that affects millions of people worldwide. It increases the risk of stroke by five times. The stroke risk is higher for those with AFib than for people without it.

AFib may cause blood to pool in the heart, leading to the formation of blood clots. If a blood clot breaks off, it can travel to the brain, causing a stroke.

How to Reduce AFib-related Stroke Risk

If you or a loved one has AFib, you can reduce your risk of stroke and heart failure by:

1. Taking aspirin
2. Taking blood thinners
3. Having a convenient heart rhythm monitoring device
4. Having regular check-ups
5. If you or a loved one has AFib, you should talk to your healthcare provider about your options.

An Alternative to Blood Thinners

The WATCHMAN™ Left Atrial Appendage Occlusion (LAAO) Implant

The WATCHMAN™ LAAO Implant is a one-time implant that covers the opening to the left atrial appendage (LAA). This helps prevent blood clots from forming in the LAA, which can travel to the brain and cause a stroke.

The implant is usually placed under general anesthesia and takes about one hour to install. After the implant is placed, you will be monitored for a few days before being discharged.

Who is the WATCHMAN Implant for?

The WATCHMAN Implant may be right for you if you:

- Have AFib and are at high risk for stroke
- Have a history of stroke or transient ischemic attack (TIA)
- Have a significant risk for bleeding
- Are unable or unwilling to take blood thinners

The WATCHMAN Implant is not for everyone. It may not be right for you if you:

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breastfeeding
- Have certain medical conditions
- Have a history of bleeding problems
- Are allergic to any of the implant materials

Click here to take this brief survey to see if the WATCHMAN™ Implant is right for you or a loved one.

Important safety information: The WATCHMAN™ and WATCHMAN FLX™ Devices are associated with stroke risk. The risk of stroke decreases over time as you become more familiar with the device and the procedure.

For detailed information, please visit www.WATCHMAN.com or consult the Implant Instructions for Use before proceeding.