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WATCHMAN™
LEFT ATRIAL APPENDAGE CLOSURE IMPLANT

One
Time.
For a
Lifetime.



Is life without blood
thinners possible for
people with AFib? Yes.



Get to know the WATCHMAN Implant.

When I was on blood thinners,
it was always a different life.
WATCHMAN was a lifesaver. It
put me back to being who I was.

— Cliff, 68

Over 400,000 people have left blood thinners behind for life with the WATCHMAN™ Implant.

Life with AFib can mean a lifetime of blood thinners. And if you're troubled by falls and bleeds, worry follows you everywhere. For 400,000+ people, that worry is gone thanks to the WATCHMAN Implant.

The WATCHMAN Implant is a safe, minimally invasive, one-time implant that reduces your stroke risk without the need for lifelong blood thinners.* It has a high 99% success rate and a low 0.5% rate of major complications.¹

In a clinical trial,

96% 

of people were able to stop blood thinners just 45 days after getting the WATCHMAN Implant.¹

Is the WATCHMAN Implant right for you?

The WATCHMAN Implant is for people who have AFib not caused by a heart valve problem (also known as non-valvular AFib) and have been prescribed blood thinning medicines by their doctors, but need an alternative. It has been proven safe and effective across 20 years of clinical and real-world experience, including 10 clinical trials.

Did you know?

WATCHMAN™ is the #1 doctor recommended implant.

It is the most implanted device of its kind approved by the FDA for reducing the risk of stroke in people with atrial fibrillation not caused by a heart valve problem.

As with any medical procedure, there are risks associated with the WATCHMAN Implant, including internal bleeding, stroke, and in rare cases, death.

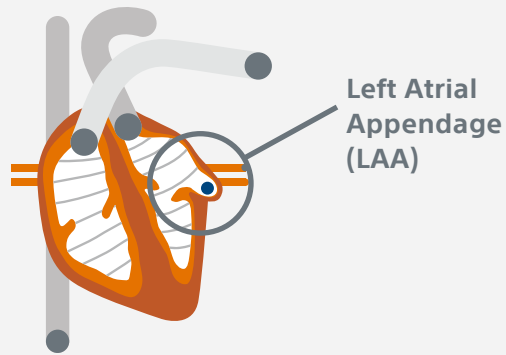
See back cover for important safety information, and talk to your doctor so you fully understand all the benefits and risks of the WATCHMAN Implant.

*In a clinical trial >96% of patients were able to discontinue their blood thinner 45 days after getting the WATCHMAN Implant
1. Kar, S., et al, Primary Outcome Evaluation of the Next Generation LAAC Device: Results from the PINNACLE FLX Trial, Circulation, 2021.

How The WATCHMAN™ Implant Works.

The WATCHMAN Implant Procedure.

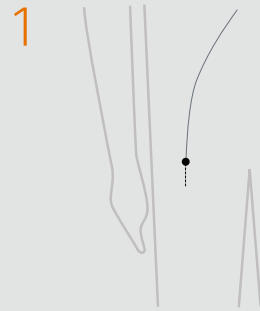
The WATCHMAN Implant is about the size of a quarter, and it doesn't require open-heart surgery. Here's what happens during the procedure.



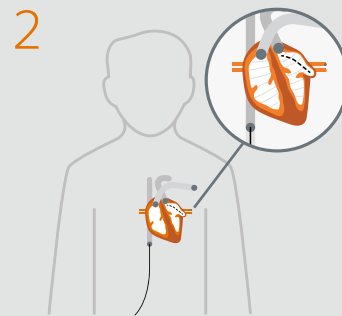
>90% of stroke-causing clots that come from the heart are formed in the LAA¹



The WATCHMAN Implant fits into the LAA and keeps clots from escaping



1 To begin the procedure, your doctor makes a small cut in your upper leg and inserts a narrow tube.



2 Your doctor guides the WATCHMAN Implant through the tube, into your left atrial appendage (LAA).



3 The procedure is typically done under general anesthesia, so you'll be asleep and won't feel any pain. Most people who get the WATCHMAN Implant stay in the hospital for a day or less.



4 After the procedure, your own heart tissue grows over the WATCHMAN Implant to form a barrier against blood clots.

Your doctor will prescribe medication that is right for you following your procedure. Make sure to discuss your medications with your doctor and do not change or modify your medications or dosages unless prescribed by your doctor.

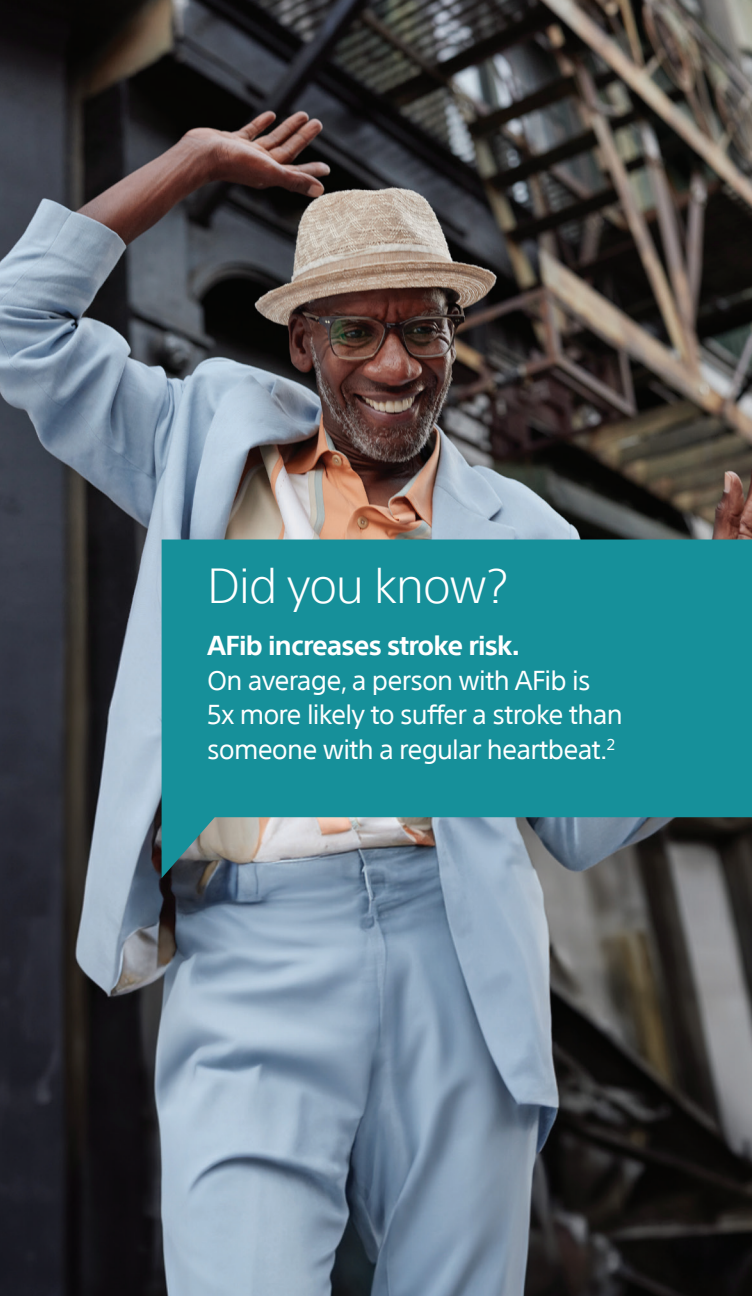
Watch a 4-minute video about how WATCHMAN works at:
watchman.com/video



1. Blackshear JL, Odell JA. Appendage obliteration to reduce stroke in cardiac surgical patients with atrial fibrillation. *Ann Thorac Surg.* 1996;61:755-759.
2. National Stroke Association. Making the Afib-Stroke Connection. <https://www.stroke.org/sites/default/files/resources/Afib-Connection%20for%20hcp.pdf>. Published 2012. Accessed September 1, 2016.

AFib and Stroke Risk.

You probably already know that atrial fibrillation increases your risk of having a stroke. That's because AFib causes your heart to beat irregularly, which affects its ability to pump blood normally. And 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.



Did you know?

AFib increases stroke risk.

On average, a person with AFib is 5x more likely to suffer a stroke than someone with a regular heartbeat.²

You may be a candidate for the WATCHMAN™ Implant if you can answer **YES** to the following questions:

- ✓ Do you have atrial fibrillation not caused by a heart valve problem, also known as non-valvular AFib?
- ✓ Has your doctor recommended that you take a blood thinner for your AFib?
- ✓ Do you need an alternative to blood thinners for one of the below reasons?
 - You have a job, hobby, or health concern that puts you at risk for serious bleeding
 - You've experienced bleeding in the past due to blood thinners
 - You have difficulty taking blood thinners as prescribed by your doctor

If you think this describes you, talk to your doctor about the WATCHMAN Implant. Get a customized guide that can help you ask the right questions at:

eligibility.watchman.com

People who **SHOULD NOT** receive the WATCHMAN Implant include but are not limited to those who:

- ✓ Cannot take oral anticoagulants, aspirin, or clopidogrel (Plavix®)
- ✓ Should not or cannot undergo heart catheterization procedures
- ✓ Have an allergy or sensitivity to nitinol (nickel and titanium)
- ✓ Have a left atrial appendage that does not fit the WATCHMAN Implant
- ✓ Are taking blood thinners for a condition other than atrial fibrillation

Ask your doctor if any of these conditions apply to you. Due to the upfront risk of having a medical procedure, people should also not be considered for the WATCHMAN Implant if they are doing well and expect to continue doing well on blood thinners.

Cost and Coverage.

While blood thinners must be taken every day for life and represent an ongoing cost, the WATCHMAN Implant is a one-time procedure and one-time cost. This means you can save money over time.

Medicare covers the WATCHMAN Implant for people who meet certain coverage criteria and an increasing number of other insurers do too. Insurance coverage can vary significantly from one plan to another. Be sure to contact your insurance carrier for any specific questions.



Learn more about the WATCHMAN™ Implant

Visit [watchman.com](https://www.watchman.com) or
call an Education Specialist
at 1-855-802-3909.

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 accidental heart puncture, air embolism, allergic reaction, anemia, anesthesia risks, arrhythmias, AV (Arteriovenous) fistula, bleeding or throat pain from the TEE (Trans Esophageal Echo) probe, blood clot or air bubbles in the lungs or other organs, bruising at the catheter insertion site, clot formation on the device, cranial bleed, excessive bleeding, gastrointestinal bleeding, groin puncture bleed, hypotension, infection/pneumonia, pneumothorax, pulmonary edema, pulmonary vein obstruction, renal failure, stroke, thrombosis and transient ischemic attack. In rare cases death can occur. Be sure to talk with your doctor so that you thoroughly understand all of the risks and benefits associated with the implantation of the device.

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