

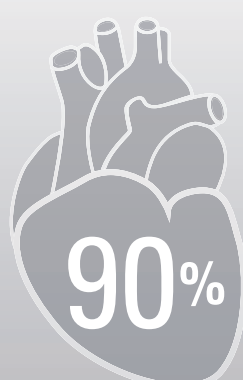
# TAKE CHARGE OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION (AFIB) & STROKE RISK

## Just the Facts: AFIB & STROKE

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION, OR AFIB, IS A HEART CONDITION THAT CAUSES THE HEART TO BEAT IRREGULARLY. BECAUSE THE HEART DOES NOT BEAT PROPERLY, BLOOD MAY NOT FULLY PUMP OUT OF THE HEART, RESULTING IN THE FORMATION OF BLOOD CLOTS THAT CAN MIGRATE TO THE BRAIN, LEADING TO STROKE.



People with Afib have a 5X greater risk of stroke<sup>1</sup>



More than 90% of stroke-causing clots that come from the heart are formed in an area called the left atrial appendage (LAA).



Blood thinners help prevent clots by thinning the blood, they also increase the risk of bleeding.

## A Life-Changing Alternative: WATCHMAN™

A ONE-TIME PROCEDURE FOR PEOPLE WITH AFIB NOT CAUSED BY A HEART VALVE PROBLEM WHO NEED AN ALTERNATIVE TO LONG-TERM BLOOD THINNERS.



**FDA**  
APPROVED



**Permanent**  
IMPLANT

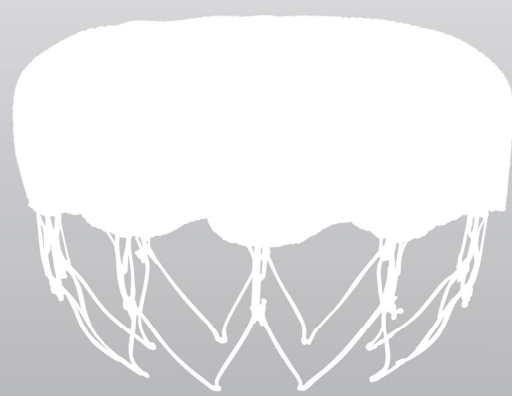
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**30,000+** Implantations  
WORLDWIDE

## About WATCHMAN™

WATCHMAN IS IMPLANTED IN AN AREA OF THE HEART CALLED THE LAA, SEALING IT OFF KEEPING HARMFUL BLOOD CLOTS FROM ENTERING THE BLOODSTREAM.



Enlarged to show detail  
Average size: 27 millimeters



**Light As A**  
FEATHER



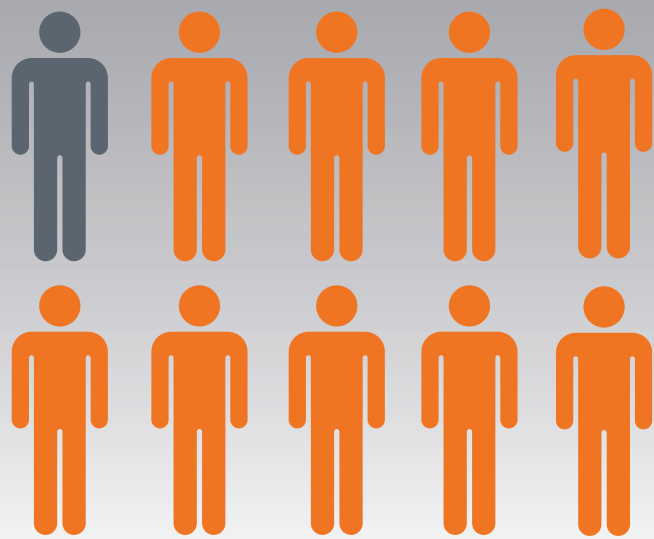
**24 Hour**  
AVERAGE HOSPITAL STAY



**Small As A**  
QUARTER



**Typical Procedure**  
Time Takes Less Than  
60 MINUTES



**90%+ OF IMPLANTED PATIENTS**  
**STOPPED WARFARIN AFTER 45 DAYS\***  
PREVAIL CLINICAL STUDY\*

\*WARFARIN (COUMADIN®) IS A COMMON TYPE OF BLOOD THINNER

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### 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.

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 WATCHMAN™ Closure 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 WATCHMAN Device.

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