

Am I Eligible?

I'd like to talk about alternatives to blood thinners

The WATCHMAN Implant is an FDA-approved, innovative one-time procedure designed to reduce the risk of stroke for people with non-valvular AFib.

WATCHMAN is a safe alternative to long-term warfarin therapy which offers comparable stroke risk reduction and enables patients to stop taking long-term warfarin



I'd like to understand if I meet the below qualifications for **WATCHMAN**:



Atrial fibrillation (AFib) not caused by heart valve problems (i.e. non-valvular AFib)



Elevated stroke risk (as measured by a CHA₂DS₂-VASc score of 3 or greater)



On or have been recommended by my doctor to take a blood thinning medication

And if any of the following apply to me:

- Issues with bleeding incidents while on blood thinners
- Trouble staying within the recommended blood clotting range (a measurement known as INR)
- Trouble getting regular blood tests to confirm my INR
- Occasionally missing a dose of my blood thinners or not taking them as instructed
- Intolerance of warfarin and/or other blood thinners (i.e. NOAC's)
- High risk of recurrent falls
- Risk while on blood thinners due to my conditions related to cognitive impairment
- Need for additional blood thinners (such as dual antiplatelet medications due to stents or other conditions)
- Increased bleeding risk not reflected by the HAS-BLED score (e.g. thrombocytopenia, cancer or risk of tumor associated bleeding)
- Risk due to a history of serious kidney (renal) failure
- Other situations that make me worry the risks of using blood-thinners long-term

Other questions to ask your doctor about WATCHMAN™

- Am I a candidate for the WATCHMAN Implant?
- How does WATCHMAN work to reduce my stroke risk?
- How does WATCHMAN compare to warfarin?
- Is WATCHMAN safe?
- What are the risks of the procedure?
- How is the procedure performed?
- How long does the procedure take?
- How long will I have to stay in the hospital?
- How long does it take to recover?
- When can I stop taking blood thinners?

WATCHMAN medical centers in your area:

Use the location finder at watchman.com/centers to see 3 medical centers near you, and write them down here:

1 _____

2 _____

3 _____

If you and your cardiologist decide that WATCHMAN is the right for you, you may be referred to one of these centers. Note that there may be additional medical centers available in your area.

Cost and Coverage

WATCHMAN is covered for eligible Medicare patients who meet certain national coverage criteria. It is also covered by an increasing number of commercial insurers.

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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