



**WATCHMAN™ LEFT ATRIAL
APPENDAGE CLOSURE DEVICE
ATRIAL FIBRILLATION &
WATCHMAN IMPLANT**

On average, a person with AFIB is five times more likely to suffer a stroke than someone with a regular heartbeat.¹

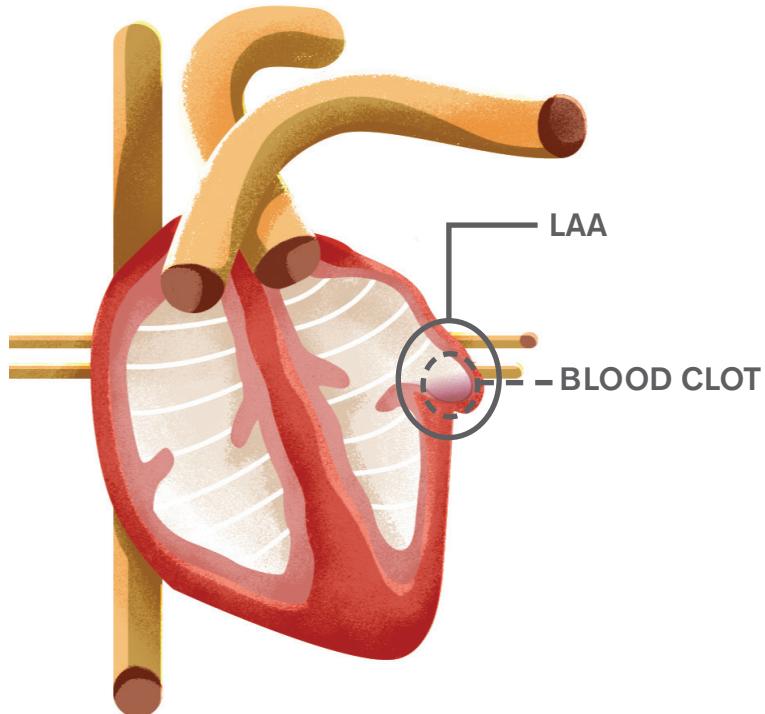
WHAT IS AFIB?

Atrial Fibrillation (AFib) is a heart condition in which the upper chambers, atria, of your heart beat irregularly. AFib can affect the ability of the heart to pump blood normally, and can lead to the formation of a clot. If a blood clot forms, it can travel out of the heart to the brain and cause a stroke.

The most common treatment to reduce stroke risk in patients with AFib is blood-thinning medication. While very effective at reducing the risk of stroke, blood thinners increase the risk of serious bleeding

over time and come with certain requirements and restrictions.

Some people may need an alternative to blood thinners, due to increased risk for bleeding or difficulty taking blood thinners.



Over 90% of strokes related to AFIB are a result of clots forming in the left atrial appendage (LAA).²

MEET YOUR WATCHMAN™ TEAM

The WATCHMAN™ team, under the direction of **Yousef Bader, MD, Interventional and Structural Cardiologist and Cardiac Electrophysiology Specialist**, is proud to offer the WATCHMAN™ procedure at McLaren Bay Region.

For patients with non-valvular atrial fibrillation (AF), WATCHMAN™ is a non-drug alternative to long-term blood thinners to reduce the risk of AF-related stroke.

To learn more about WATCHMAN™ or to make a referral, contact McLaren Bay Heart & Vascular at (989) 894-3278.

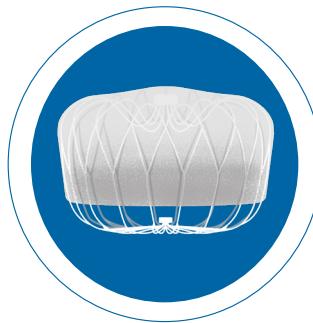


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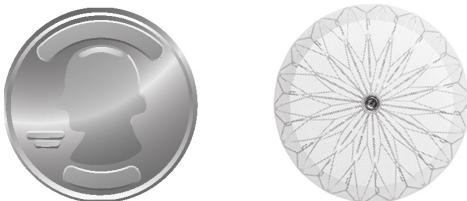
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WATCHMAN™: A LIFE-CHANGING ALTERNATIVE

The WATCHMAN™ implant is a safe, minimally-invasive, one-time implant that permanently reduces your risk for stroke without the need for lifelong blood-thinning medications. The implant is a small, flexible device about the size of a quarter, implanted into the heart via a catheter-based approach that does not involve open-heart surgery.

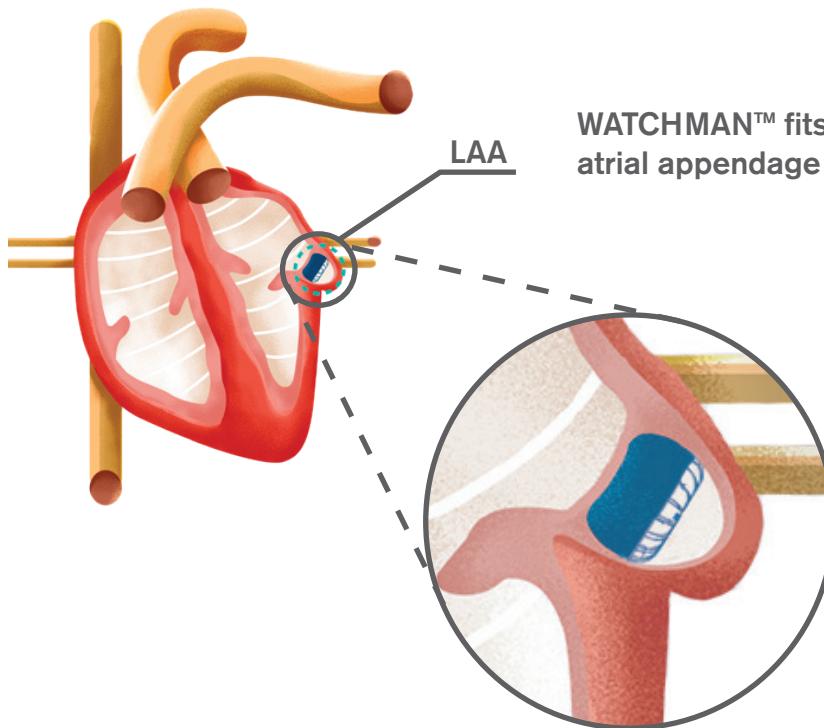


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The WATCHMAN™ technology has been implanted in more than 600,000 patients worldwide.³

HOW WATCHMAN™ WORKS



WATCHMAN™ fits into the high-risk left atrial appendage (LAA).

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

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