

How Atrial Fibrillation Can Cause Stroke

What is Atrial Fibrillation?

Atrial fibrillation (AFib or AF) occurs when the heart's upper chambers beat irregularly due to malfunctioning electrical signals in the heart. These signals cause improper blood flow out of the heart and increase the formation of blood clots. When blood clots travel to the brain, they may block blood flow and cause **ischemic stroke**. People with AFib have more than **5 times the risk of stroke** including **ischemic stroke** and **hemorrhagic stroke**. It also increases the risk for heart failure.

Symptoms of Atrial Fibrillation



Fatigue



Rapid Heartbeat



Chest Discomfort



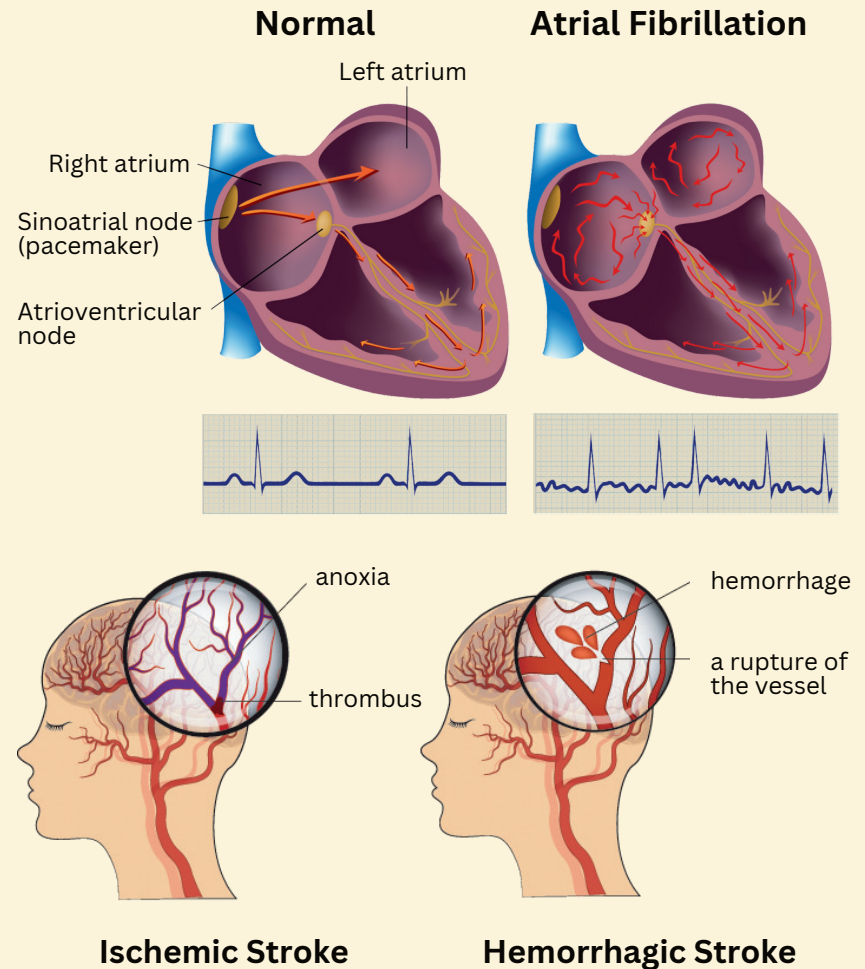
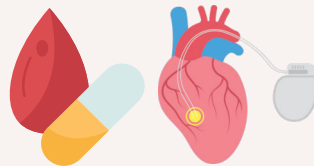
Shortness of Breath

**Not all patients may show symptoms*

Managing Risks of Stroke Associated with Atrial Fibrillation

Blood-thinning medication, such as direct oral anticoagulants (DOACs), Warfarin, or Aspirin

Ablation is a procedure to treat AFib by removing abnormal heart tissues. Talk with your doctor to see if ablation is right for you.



Discuss with your doctor about your treatment plan for atrial fibrillation and risk of stroke!



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