

ATRIAL FIBRILLATION AND HEART VALVE DISEASE



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VIRTUAL PATIENT EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR

“Treating Minimally Invasive Cardiac Interventions for Stroke Prevention in Atrial Fibrillation and Heart Valve Diseases in the COVID-19 Era”

Atrial Fibrillation or AFIB is a quivering or irregular heartbeat that can lead to blood clots, stroke, heart failure and other heart related complications. At least 2.7 million Americans are living with AFIB. Patients with AFIB are normally treated by a cardiologist. Stroke is at least 5 times more likely to occur in patients with atrial fibrillation.

Treatments to reduce stroke risk, usually blood thinners, can require close monitoring and carry significant risk of bleeding.

The left atrial appendage is the portion of the heart where more than 90% of stroke causing clots form.

The Watchman™ left atrial appendage closure device is an implant designed to close the left atrial appendage, trapping potential stroke causing clots and, thus, potentially alleviating the future need for blood thinners.

Heart valve disease occurs when the heart valves do not work the way they should.

According to the American Heart Association, about 5 million Americans are diagnosed with heart valve disease each year.

Treatments to reduce heart valve disease such as aortic stenosis and mitral regurgitation are improving with new minimally invasive cardiac interventions.

Come join us for a free educational event with Dr. Tom Waggoner (Structural Heart Cardiologist) and learn about the causes of AFIB and heart valve disease and how to recognize if you have the condition and different treatment options for the different heart conditions. Dr. Waggoner is a Structural Heart Cardiologist at Tucson Medical Center. Dr. Waggoner will also speak on the precautions he's taking when treating patients in his clinic and the hospital.

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2020 • Time: 5:00p – 6:00p

Place: Zoom Virtual Link

(Link will be provided after RSVP received)

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