



Invitation to participate in a Doctoral Dissertation Research Study on Atrial Fibrillation

Do you have Atrial Fibrillation (Afib) and either considering or have decided on treatment for stroke prevention?



- This study will examine relationships between individual characteristics in individuals with atrial fibrillation and participating in decision making with a healthcare provider regarding stroke prevention.
- You are eligible to participate if:
 - Have Atrial Fibrillation (diagnosed by a healthcare provider)
 - Are at least 18 years old
 - Are a Resident of the United States
 - Are either contemplating a decision or have made a decision within the last three (3) months on treatment options for stroke prevention regarding your atrial fibrillation.
- As part of this study you will be asked to complete an online survey which should take approximately 15-20 minutes of your time. This survey is anonymous.
- There are no foreseen risks and/or benefits to this study for you. However, this study is intended to increase knowledge and understanding of decisional needs in individuals with atrial fibrillation with the potential to benefit future patients.

This research has been approved by Molloy College Institutional Review Board # 16140104-0814, and is being conducted by PhD Candidate, Patricia Nadraus, RN.

The Survey-Atrial Fibrillation Decision-Making in Stroke Prevention can be found at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AFIB-DMSP>

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Atrial Fibrillation: Decision-Making for Stroke Prevention Study

My name is Patricia Nadraus and I am a PhD student working under the supervision of Victoria Siegel, RN, EdD in the Nursing Graduate Program at Molloy College, New York. This survey is for research conducted as partial completion of the Doctor of Philosophy in Nursing. The ethics committee at Molloy College, Research Institutional Review Board #16140104-0814 has approved this study.

I am contacting you because you belong to an online group that provides support for individuals with Atrial Fibrillation. I am currently seeking volunteers for a dissertation research study on decision-making in atrial fibrillation regarding stroke prevention. To be eligible to participate you are required to have been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, be 18 years or older, a resident of the United States, have the ability to understand the English language and either currently considering a decision or within the last three months have made a decision on stroke prevention. Stroke prevention decisions may include lifestyle changes, medications (“blood thinners”) or left atrial appendage closure (ex.- Lariat procedure, Watchman procure, Amulet procedure etc.) as options.

The purpose of this research is to gain knowledge from individuals with atrial fibrillation on how individual characteristics may influence their perceptions in participating in decision-making regarding stroke prevention in atrial fibrillation.

Participation in this study is voluntary and involves completing an online survey. This survey is expected to take 15-20 minutes. The researcher will not place any codes on the survey that could directly identify you. The results of this research may be published, but any research reports or publications will not reveal your identity.

Your survey completion serves as consent to participate in this research. While there are no direct benefits to you, the results may help increase understanding of characteristics, which may influence sharing in decisions with a healthcare provider. This may assist in providing individuals with patient-centered care and improving outcomes.

Sincerely,

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