Devices for Atrial Fibrillation screening and prevention of cardiovascular diseases.

Microlife is a world leader in the development and production of diagnostic devices intended for both home and professional use. The blood pressure monitors with AFIB technology have successfully passed the most rigorous clinical certifications and feature patented technologies allowing for the improvement of both measurement standards and patient compliance.



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Microlife presents (Afib) the new technology for Atrial Fibrillation screening

The importance of Atrial Fibrillation screening for STROKE prevention.

Atrial Fibrillation is a heart rhythm disturbance that, if left untreated, could lead to slower blood flow. Reduced blood flow can cause clotting in major organs. These clots may travel towards the brain and cause stroke. The incidence of Atrial Fibrillation is about 1% in people of around 50 years of age, but it increases up to 10% in people aged over 65.

- * In Europe around 4.5 million people are estimated to be affected with Atrial Fibrillation, with about 300.000 new cases every year.
- * Atrial Fibrillation is **responsible for 20% of stroke cases**.

Stroke is the third leading cause of death, the main cause of invalidity and the second leading cause of dementia in the general population.

The risk of STROKE in people affected with Atrial Fibrillation is three to five times higher than in the healthy population.

Many people with AF often have no symptoms which makes it harder to detect for treatment.

Screening and early detection of Atrial Fibrillation enables an effective treatment of the patient in order to prevent any possible complications such as stroke.

Atrial fibrillation and hypertension are often correlated risk factors which need to be managed in order to effectively prevent cardiovascular diseases.

The advantages of clinically validated, home use screening for **Atrial Fibrillation:**

- **■** Enables early detection and treatment in risk patients
- Prevents possible complications such as stroke
- Reduces in-patient hospitalization and management costs
- Provides a cost efficient means for patients who can work together with the general practitioner with a single device to reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases

AFIB (Atrial FIBrillation) Patented **Technology** for the early detection of **Atrial Fibrillation.**

US Patent 7680532, 7020514

State-of-the-art technology patented by Microlife allows for easy Atrial Fibrillation screening at home with a simple blood pressure measurement.

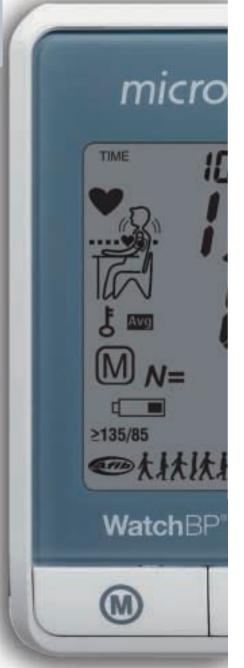
When an Atrial Fibrillation is detected during a measurement, the monitor signals the arrhythmia by displaying the AFIB logo.



- The AFIB logo will be displayed only if all of the 3 measurements detect the Atrial Fibrillation.
- When the AFIB logo is displayed, it is advisable to repeat the measurement after about 1 hour.
- If after 1 hour the Atrial Fibrillation is still detected, consult with your general practitioner for further testing.
- The measurement in the single mode does not allow for the detection of Atrial Fibrillation.

The AFIB technology achieved significant clinical validation results thanks to its high accuracy obtained through 3 consecutive measurements (MAM technology).

AFIB technology detects AF with a high sensitivity (97-100%) and **specificity (89%)**, as demonstrated by two recent comparison studies with electrocardiogram involving 500 patients.



	No of Patients	Age (years)	hyperthensive patient	diabetic patient	cardiac patient	sensitivity (%)	specificity (%)
Stergiou	72	49-92	63%	15%	40%	100	89
Wiesel	405	34-98	52%	15%	44%	97	89

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^{*} Source: Epidemiology of Stroke - http://www.strokecenter.org/prof/epide.htm