

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC'S MEDICAL EDGE.
	FATIGUE. SHORTNESS OF BREATH. PALPITATIONS. ALL ARE CLASSIC SIGNS OF ATRIAL FIBRILLATION.
Timothy Olson, M.D.	"THE HEART GETS OUT OF SYNC AND BECOMES MUCH LESS EFFICIENT AS A PUMP."
	DR. TIMOTHY OLSON, A MAYO CLINIC CARDIOLOGIST, SAYS MOST PEOPLE WITH ATRIAL FIBRILLATION HAVE IDENTIFIABLE RISK FACTORS SUCH AS HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE OR A LEAKY VALVE. GENETICS CAN ALSO PLAY A ROLE. DR. OLSON LED A

	RECENT STUDY OF ONE FAMILY THAT UNCOVERED A NEW GENETIC DEFECT. WHILE THAT DOESN'T EXPLAIN ATRIAL FIBRILLATION IN MOST PEOPLE...
Dr. Olson	“WHAT IT DOES DO, IS IT UNCOVERS AN UNDERPINNING OR BASIS FOR ATRIAL FIBRILLATION THAT REALLY WASN'T EVEN CONSIDERED BEFORE THIS FINDING.”
	DR. OLSON IS HOPEFUL THAT THESE NEW GENETIC UNDERSTANDINGS WILL PROVIDE A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY TO TREAT THE CONDITION BEFORE IT CAUSES ANY PROBLEMS.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I'M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

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