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# ENHANCE-AF

Clinical Trial to Evaluate an Atrial Fibrillation Stroke  
Prevention Shared Decision-making Pathway

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## Our Patient

Mrs. Jones is a 79-year-old woman with hypertension and diabetes mellitus.

CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc score of 5,  
7% annual stroke risk

Anticoagulation is recommended

Mrs. Jones declines

“I do not understand the stroke risk; bleeding risk must be higher.”

**Her satisfaction for the process is low.**



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# Primary Problem

Current practices around stroke prevention in patients with atrial fibrillation lead to—



Lack of patient satisfaction



Therapy mismatched with patient preferences



Wasted health care resources



Preventable adverse outcomes



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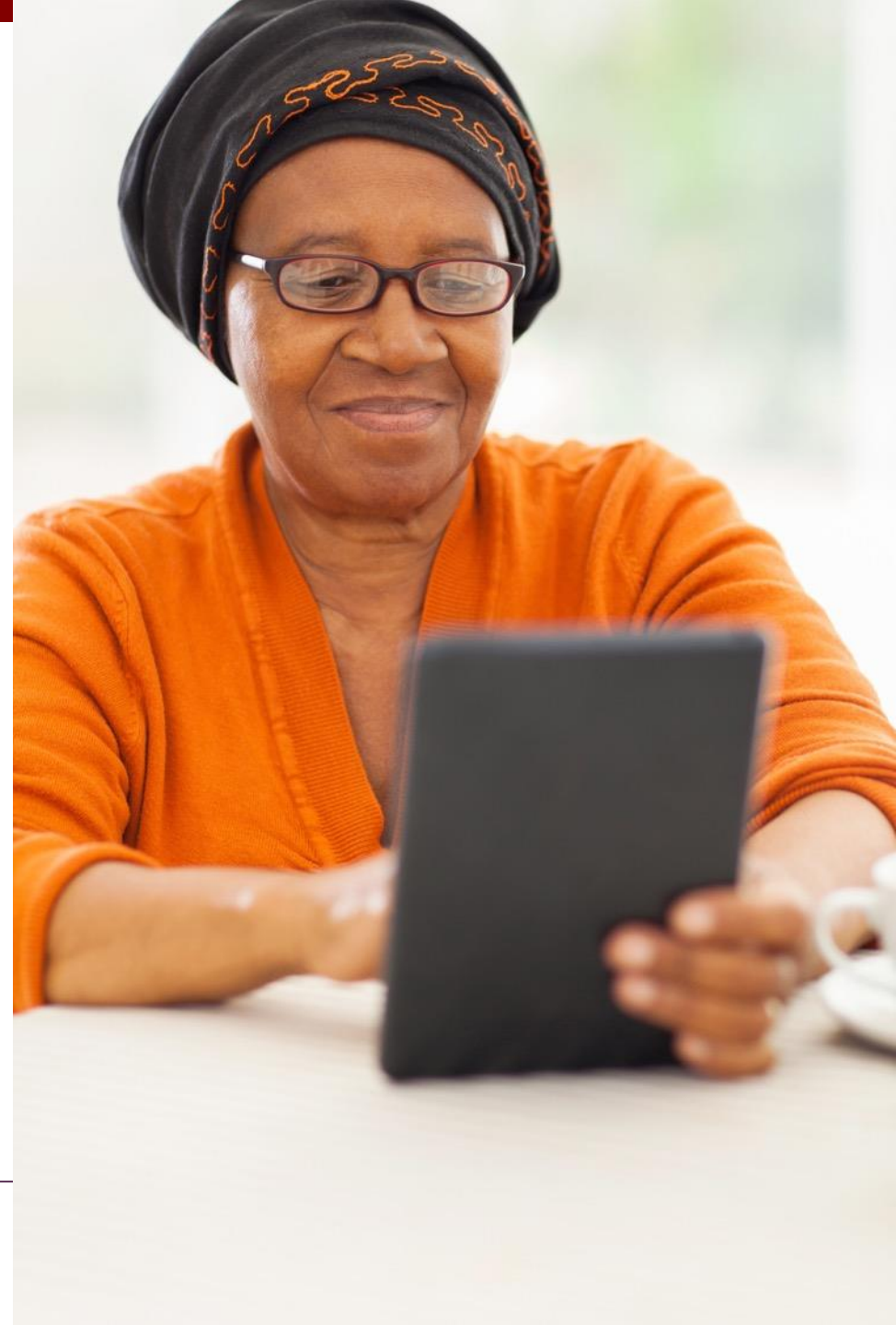
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## Mrs. Jones: Future State

Mrs. Jones uses on her mobile device our Novel Shared Decision-Making Tool that was developed based on patient preferences.

**She is very satisfied with this process.**



# OUR HYPOTHESIS

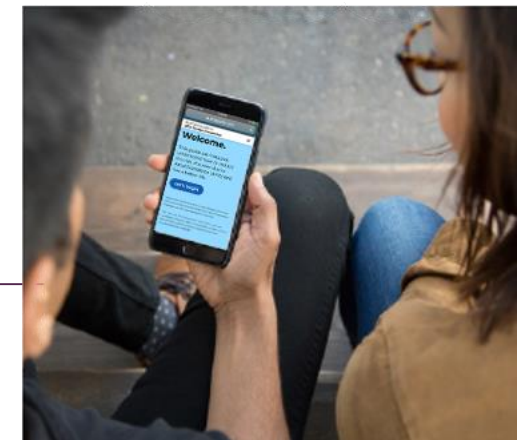
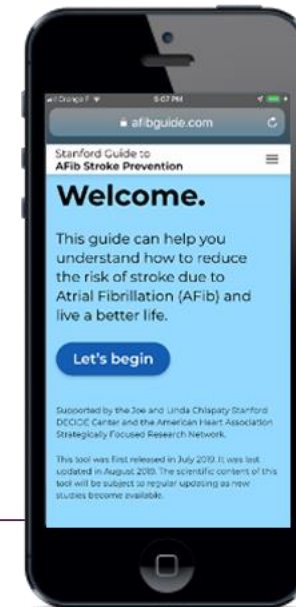
Our novel **SHARED DECISION-MAKING TOOL**  
is more effective than usual care  
based on patient-selected outcomes.



# Tool Development Process: Design Thinking

- Patient interviews
- Patient-centered design
- Iterative patient testing
- A web-based app that runs on a PC, phone, laptop, or tablet
- English and Spanish

DAYLIGHT: Design Thinking  
Blackbird Web Services





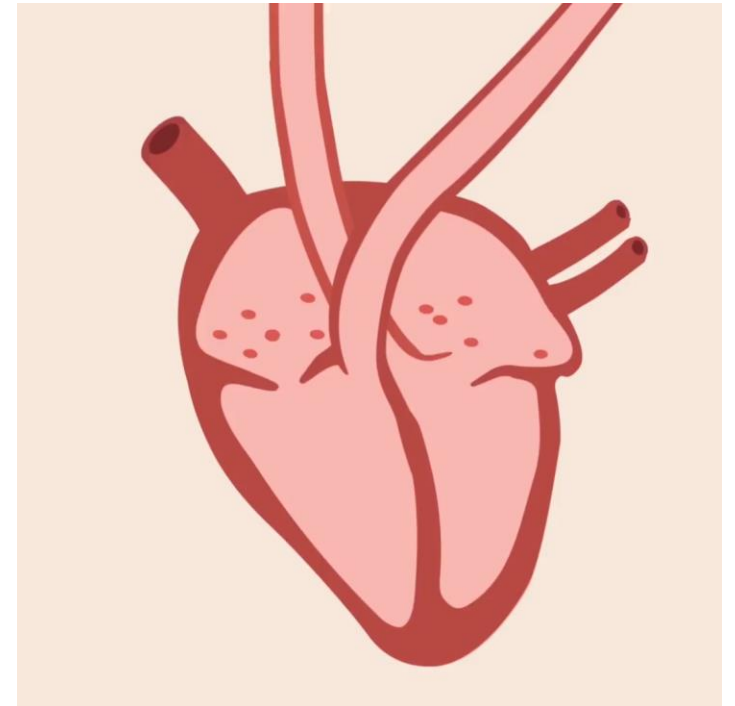
# Our Tool Starts with a Journey and a Main Video



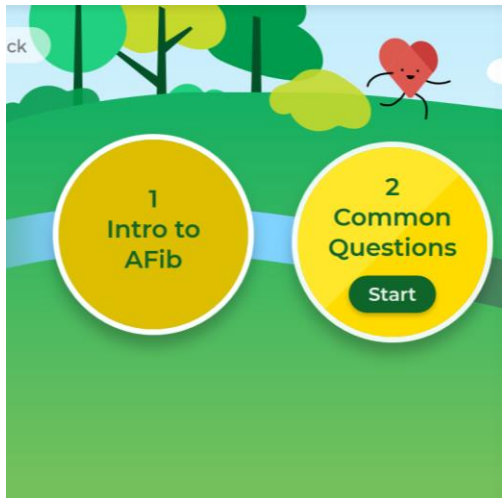


# Our Main Video

Uses animation with minimal need for reading



# Our Tool Provides Answers to Common Questions



## 14 Common Questions

1. How do I compare the risk of bleeding and risk of stroke?

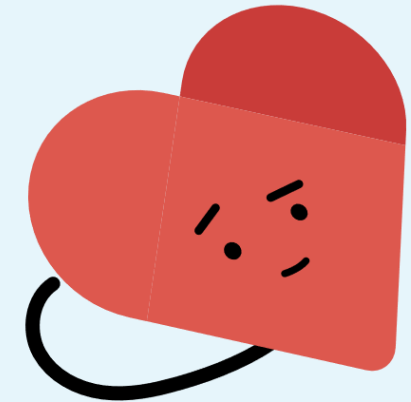


# Check-in: A gentle self-assessment

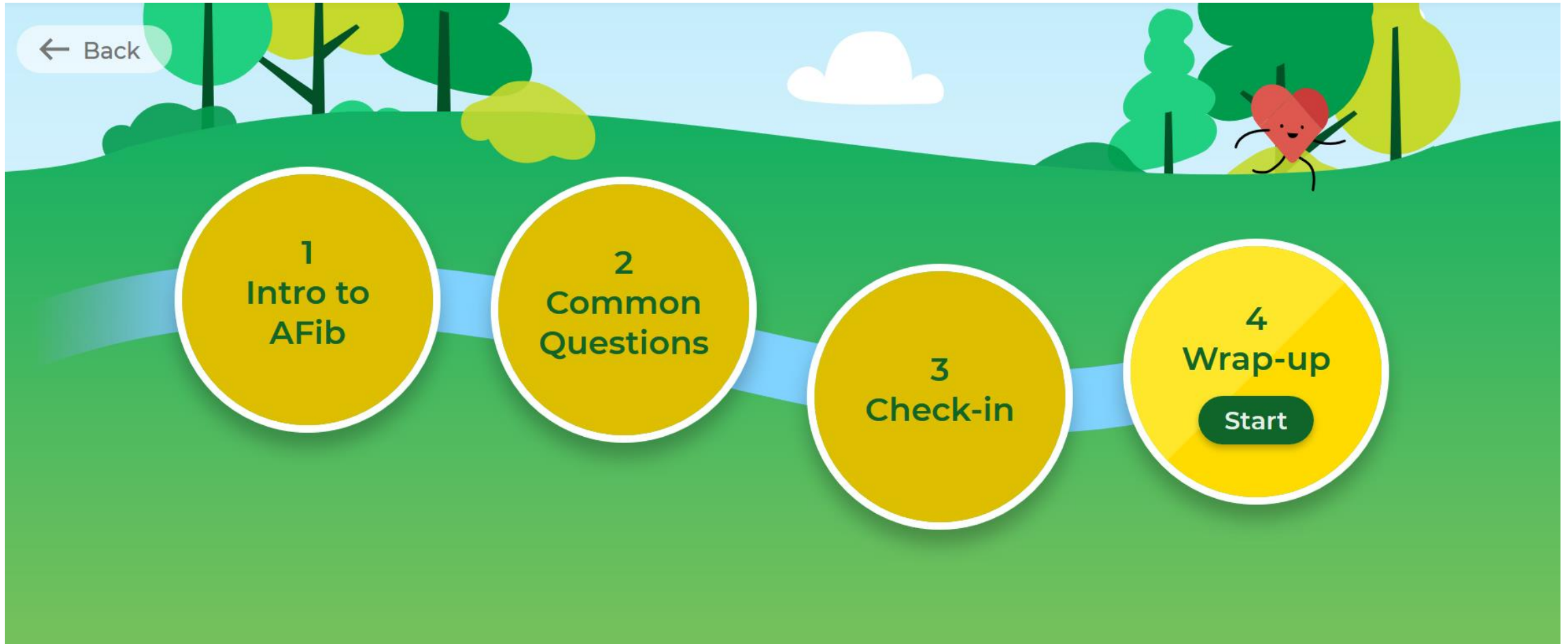


## 1. Why is AFib dangerous?

- a. AFib can lead to a heart attack.
- b. AFib can lead to a stroke.
- c. AFib is infectious, it can spread from one person to another.



# Wrap-Up is the end of the journey



# Decision Worksheet:

## To be used to discuss questions with the clinician

← Back

### Blood Thinner Decision Worksheet: For Patients with AFib

Fill out this worksheet to prepare for your doctor's visit.  
Many people find it useful to bring this worksheet to their appointment.  
Check  to discuss with your doctor

#### Key Messages

1. AFib can lead to a stroke, even if you can't feel anything.

2. Taking a blood thinner will greatly reduce your risk of stroke.

3. For most people, the benefits of Blood thinners outweigh the risks.

4. Taking a blood thinner is your choice. You can always change your mind.

#### Risk Factors for Stroke

Circle the statements that apply to you  
2 points each

I am age 75 or older	I have had a stroke, a stroke is a blood clot in the brain
I have diabetes	I am between the ages 65 – 74
I have vascular disease	I am female
	I have heart failure

I have high blood pressure

My risk score: \_\_\_\_\_ points\*

\*Many patients benefit from a blood thinner with a score of at least 2 points men or 3 points women.

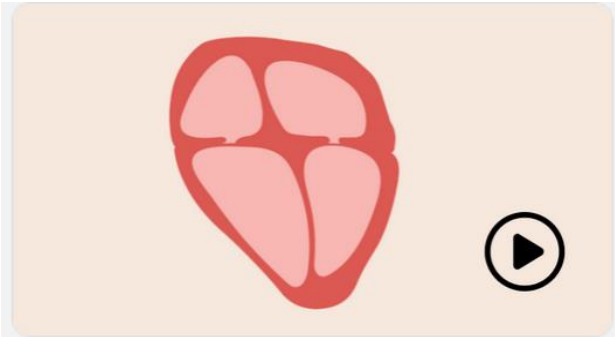
Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

3 Check-in

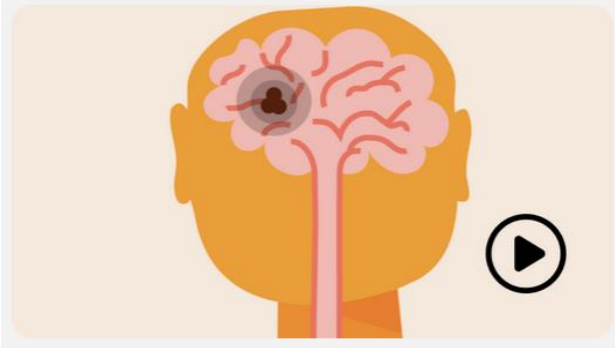
4 Wrap-up

Start

# Clinician Tool provides videos and risk score calculator



Video:  
normal rhythm  
vs Afib



Video:  
Afib leads  
to stroke



CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc stroke  
risk factors

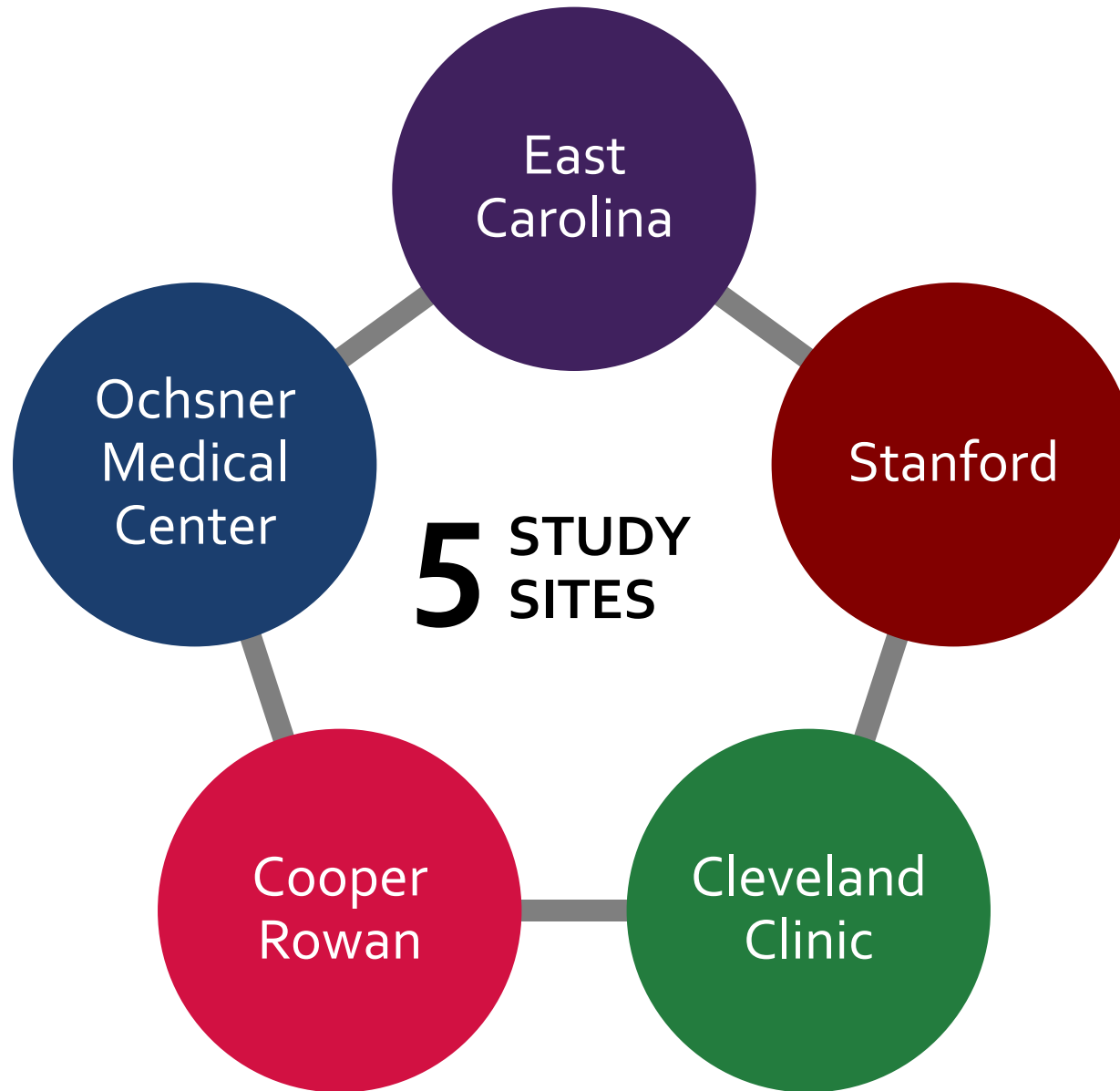






## Comparative Effectiveness RCT

- 2-Arm Randomized Multi-Site Comparative Effectiveness Trial comparing Novel Shared Decision-Making Tool vs. Usual Care
- 1001 patients at 5 sites
- REGISTRATION: <https://www.clinicaltrials.gov>  
Unique identifier: [clinicaltrials.gov](https://www.clinicaltrials.gov). Identifier: NCT04096781



## Inclusion Criteria

- Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation
- CHA<sub>2</sub>DS<sub>2</sub>-VASc  $\geq 1$  for Men and  $\geq 2$  for Women
- English or Spanish speakers

## Exclusion Criteria

- Moderate to severe mitral stenosis
- Absolute contraindications to anticoagulation
- Left atrial appendage exclusion (by surgery or device placement)
- Any indication for anticoagulation therapy other than atrial fibrillation

**Primary  
Endpoint**

## Decisional Conflict Score (DCS) at 1 month

- 16-items: Weighted to 0 to 100
- Higher value = more conflict
- Subscores
  - Uncertainty
  - Informed
  - Values Clarity
  - Support
  - Effective Decision



# Key Secondary Decision-Making Endpoints

## Secondary Endpoints

- Decision Regret Score (DRS) at 1 Month  
Higher = more regret
- Composite of Decisional Conflict Score and Decision Regret Score at 1 Month
  - A weighted average of Mann-Whitney U-statistics for DCS and DRS weighted by fraction selecting each. Higher = more regret or conflict

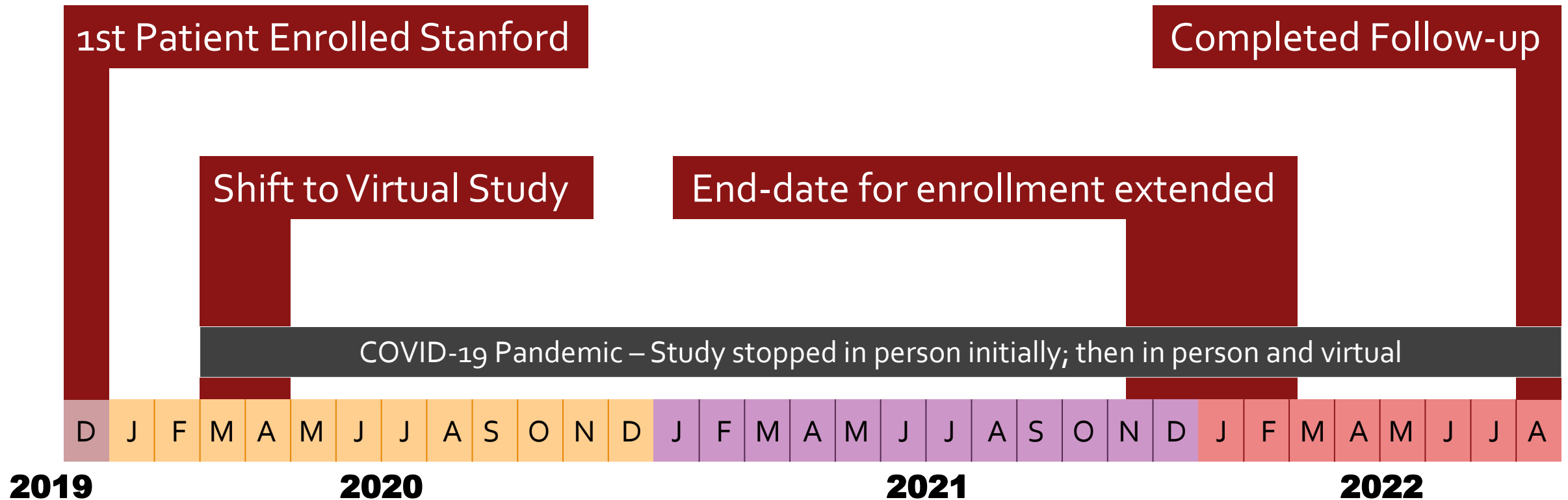
# Sample Size Justification

- Sample size was calculated for null hypothesis of no treatment difference under a 2-sided type I error rate of 5%.
- We planned a sample size of 1,000 participants with an anticipated 5% lost to follow-up, leading to a total of 950 evaluable participants.

Endpoint	Effect Size	Power
DCS	31%	99.7%
DRS	20%	84.8%
Composite Endpoint		98.7%



# Patient Enrollment: 1001 Patients START and COVID-19 RESTART



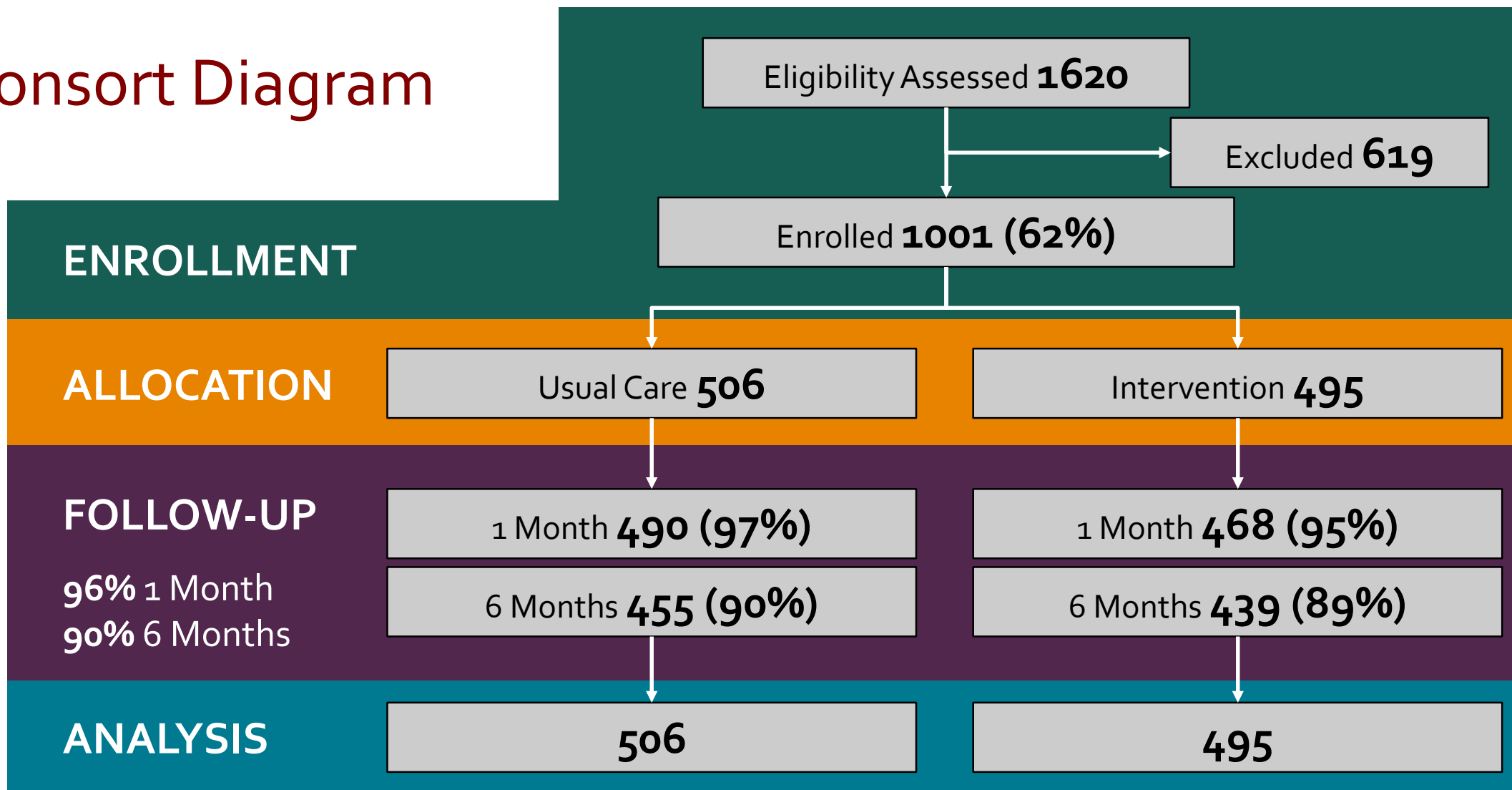
# RESULTS

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# Consort Diagram



# Primary Endpoint: Decisional Conflict at 1 Month

	Usual Care (N=506)	Tool (N=495)	P-value
<b>Decisional Conflict Scale Median</b>	16.4	9.4	0.007

- We observed a clinically and statistically significant decrease in Decisional Conflict at 1 month

# Key Secondary Endpoint: Decision Regret at 1 Month

	Usual Care (N=506)	Tool (N=495)	P-value
Decisional Conflict Scale Median	16.4	9.4	0.007
Decision Regret Scale Median	10.0	5.0	0.078 <sup>#</sup>
Composite Endpoint			0.009 <sup>#</sup>
Prep for Decision-Making Median	72.5	82.5	<0.001
AF Knowledge Median	6.0	7.0	<0.001

*# p-values for the two key secondary endpoints were adjusted for multiple testing using Holm-Bonferroni method.*

## Key Secondary Endpoint: Composite at 1 Month

	Usual Care (N=506)	Tool (N=495)	P-value
Decisional Conflict Scale Median	16.4	9.4	0.007
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## Other Endpoint: Preparation for Decision Making 1 month

	Usual Care (N=506)	Tool (N=495)	P-value
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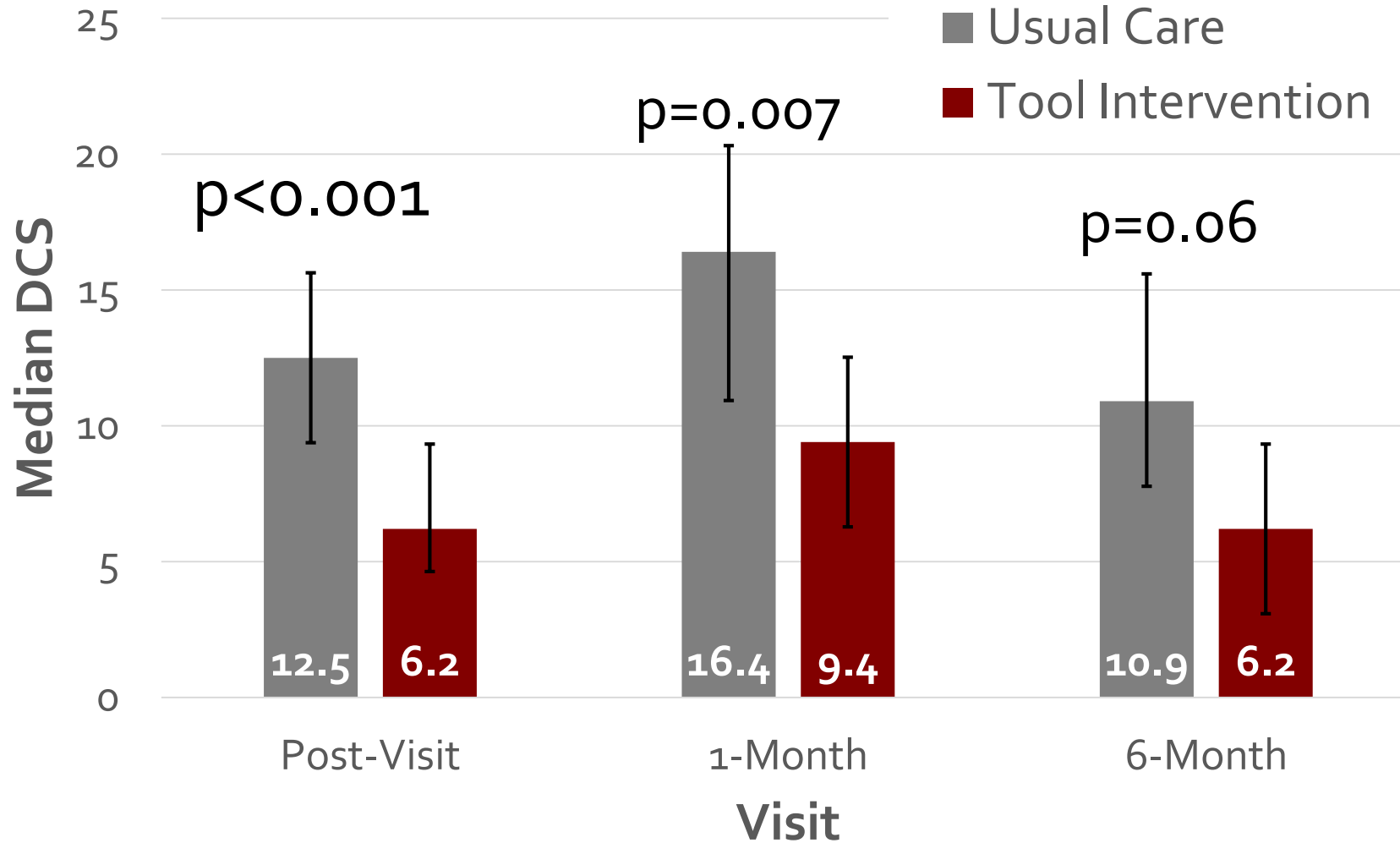
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## Other Endpoint: AF Knowledge at 1 month

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# Decisional Conflict Score across visits



# Conclusions

- We created and tested a novel Shared Decision-Making Toolkit designed for low health literacy
- At 1 month our shared decision-making intervention resulted in a significant
  - Decrease in Decisional Conflict
  - Improved Preparation for Decision-Making
  - Increased AF Knowledge.

# Simultaneous Publication

The Shared Decision Making Pathway for stroke prevention contains:

- Give your patient the AFib Guide: **Patient APP** [afibguide.com](http://afibguide.com)
- Overview video
- Frequently asked questions
- Patient check-in quiz
- Patient experiences
- Shared decision-making worksheet
- Clinicians can use this guide to talk to their patient: **Clinician APP** [afibguide.com/clinician](http://afibguide.com/clinician)

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