



New Procedure Can Help Slow Down Congestive Heart Failure

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ST. PAUL, Minn. (FOX 9)—
Heart disease is the leading
cause of death in the United
States.

Now, there is a new type of
surgery being studied to see if
it can slow congestive heart
failure.

While early signs point to an
improved quality of life, more
time is needed to see if it is
actually saving or prolonging
lives.

Doctors hope to complete the
study by summer.



New Heart Procedure

The new device wraps around the heart and is meant to slow heart disease.

Every year more than a half million Americans are diagnosed with congestive heart failure, with many of them dying.

The new therapy hopes to give them a better chance at life.

Congestive heart failure is a disease that weakens and enlarges the heart over time.

The device wraps around the heart during a minimally invasive surgery.

"The study is designed to show that it makes people feel better and they can exercise more and prevents heart from dilating," says Doctor Alan Bank from St. Paul Heart Clinic. "This new therapy is designed to help prevent their heart from getting weaker and prevent it from getting larger."

The St. Paul Heart Clinic is looking for people to participate in experimental surgery if they suffer from congestive heart failure. They must have NOT had previous open heart surgery.

Contact the St. Paul Heart Clinic at 651-726-6967

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