Gillberg and colleagues [34] found that despite the widespread use of ICDs, many patients do not understand the indications for the device or the implications of having it implanted. In a survey of 500 US patients with ICDs, Gillberg et al. [35] reported that only 49% of patients understood the indications for the device and only 29% understood the potential risks associated with it. Similarly, Saeed et al. [36] found that many patients do not understand the purpose of their ICD and do not know what to do if it goes off. These findings highlight the importance of providing clear and comprehensible information to patients about the indications and risks of ICDs.

In conclusion, ICDs are effective in preventing sudden cardiac death, but their use is not without risk. Patients and healthcare providers must be well informed about the indications and risks of ICDs in order to make informed decisions about their use. Further research is needed to improve patient understanding of ICDs and to improve the communication between patients and healthcare providers about their use.
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